



Fiue hundredth points of good husbandry vnited to

as many of good huswiferie, first deuised,
& nowe lately augmented with diuerse ap-
proued lessons concerning hopyes & garde-
ning, and other needeful matters, togethe
with an abstract befoze every moneth, co-
nteyning the whole effect of the sayd moneth
with a table & a preface in the beginnin
both necessary to be reade, for the
vnderstanding of
the booke.

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Loyd Paget of Ben-
desert.

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**A lesson how to conferre euery abstract
with his moneth,**

In euery month,er in aught be begonne,
Reade ouer that month,what auails to be donne
So neither this trauail,thall seeme to be lost:
Nor thou to repent of this triseling cost.

The figure of abstract,and month do agre,
Which one to another,relations bee,
The lessons that after those figures do stand:
The points of them selues,to be taken in hand.



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¶ To the Right honorable & my speciall

Good Lord and master, the lord Pages

of Beaufort.

Chap. 1.

MY Lord, your father loued me
and you my Lord haue proued me,
And both your loues haue moued me,
to write as here is donne:
Synce God hath hence your father,
such flowers as I gather,
I dedicate now rather,
to you my Lord his sonne,

Your father was my founder,
til death became his wounder;
no subiect euer founder,
whom prince auancement gaue;
As God did here defend him,
and honour here did send him,
so will I here commend him,
as long as life I haue.

His neighbours then did blisse him
his seruants now do misse him,
the poore would gladly kisse him,
aloue againe to bee:
But God hath wrought his pleasure,
and blest him out of measure,
with heauen and earthly treasure,
so good a God is hee.

His counsell had I vsed,
and Ceres art refused,
I neede not thus haue mused,

Nor

The Epistle.

Seres the
goddesses of
husbandry

Nor droope as now I doe:
But I must play the farmer,
and yet no whit the warmer,
although I had his armer,
and other comfort to.

Acrops fable.

The foxe doth make me mind him,
whose glory so did blinde him,
til taile cut of behind him,
no fare could him content:
Euen so must I be prouing,
such glory I had in louing,
of things to plough behouing,
that makes me nowe repent.

Salust.

Loytrers I kept so many,
both Philip, Hob and Cheany,
that that way nothing geany,
was thought to make me thrine:
Like Iugurth Prince of Numid,
my gold away consumid,
with losses so perfumid,
was neuer none aliue.

Great fines so nere did pare me,
great rent so much did skare me,
great charge so long did dare me,
that made me at length cry creak:
Much more of al such fleeces,
as oft I lost by peeces,
among such wicly geeses,
I list no lenger speake.

Though countrey helth long staid me,
yet lesse expiering traied me,

And

The Epistle.

And (ictus sapit) praied me,
to seke more steady stay:
New lessons then I noted,
and some of olde I coted,
least som should think I doted,
by bringing naught away.

Though Pallas hath denied me,
her learned pen to guide me,
for that she daily spied me,
with country how I stode:
Yet Seres so did bold me,
with her good lessons told me,
that rudnes cannot hold me,
from doing country good.

By practise and il speeding,
these lessons had their breeding,
and not by here say, or reeding,
as some abroad haue blowen:
who wil not thus belieue me,
so much the more they grieue me,
because they grutch to giue me,
that is of right mine owne,

At first for want of teaching,
at first for triesles breaching,
at first for ouer reaching,
and lacke of taking hede:
was cause that toile so tost me,
that practise so much cost me,
that rashnes so much lost me,
or hindred as it did,

Tallas
goddesse of
wisedom &
cunning.

yet

The Epistle.

Yet will I not dispaire,
thorough Gods good gift so faire,
through frindship, golde and prayer,
in countrey againe to dwell,
VVhere rent so shall not paine me,
but paines shall help to gaine me,
and gaines shal help maintaine me,
new lessons moe to tell,

For Citie seemes a wringer,
the peny for to finger,
from such as their do linger,
or for their pleasure lye.
Though countrie be more painful,
and not so greedy gainful,
yet is it not so vainful,
in following fancies eye,

I haue no labour wanted,
to prune this tree I planted,
whose fruite to none is scanted.
in house nor yet in feild,
VWhich fruite to say (who hast of)
though nere so much they taste of,
yet can they make no waste of,
such fruite this tree doth yeeld.

This tree or booke thus framed,
with title alreadye named,
I trust goes foorth vnblamed,
in youre good Lordshipes name:
As my good Lorde I take you,
and neuer wil forsake you,
so now I craue to make you,
defender of the same.

¶ The Authors epistle to the late Lord

william Paget wherein he doth discourse of his own bringing
 vp. and of the goodnes of the said Lord his master
 vnto him, and the occasion of this his booke,
 thus let forth of his owne lange
 practise.

Cap. 1.

THOMAS
 Tyme trieth the troth, in euery thing
 How euery man doth to please his minde,
 Of workes, which best may profite bring,
 Men rashe to iudge, seeme often blind.
 As therefore trothe, in time shal craue,
 So let this booke, iust fauour haue.

THOMAS
 Take you my Lord, and Master than,
 Vnlesse mischaunce, mischanceth me.
 Such homely gifte, of me your man,
 Since more in court, I may not be.
 And let your praise, wonne heretofore,
 Remaine abroad for euer more

MADAME
 My seruing you, thus vnderstand,
 And god his help, and yours withall,
 Did cause good lucke, to take mine hand,
 Erecting one, most like to fall.
 My seruing you, I know it was,
 Enforced this to come to passe.

B. i.

Since

The Epistle.

*Sins being once, at Cambridge taught,
Of court ten yeares, I made assaye,
No musick then was left vnsaught,
Such care I had, to serue that way.
When ioy gan slacke, then made I change,
Expulſed miſſe, for musick ſtrange:*

*My musick ſince, hath ben the plough,
Entangled with ſome care amonge,
The gayne not great, the paine enough,
Hath made me ſing, another ſong,
Which ſong, if well I may a vow,
I craue it iudged be by you.*

Your ſervant Thomas Tuffer.

Cap.3.

I Haue ben prayde
to shew mine eyde,
in taking payne,
not for the gayne,
but for good will
to shewe such skill
as shewe I coule:
That husbandrye
with huswiferye,
as Cock and Hen
to countrey men,
all straungenes gone
mought ioyne in one
as louers should,

I trust both this
perfourmed is,
and howe that here,
it shall appere,
with iudgement right,
to thy delight,
is brought to passe:
That such as wiue
and faine would thryue,
be plainly taught,
how good from naught,
may trym be tryed,
and liuely spied,
as in a glasse,

what should I win
by writing in
my losses past
that ranne as fast
as running streame
from reame to reame
that flowes so swift:
For that I could
not get for gould,
to teach me how
as this doth yow,
throughe dayly gaine,
the way so plaine,
to come by thrift,

What is a grote
or twayne to note;
once in the life
for man or wife,
to saue a pounce
in house or ground
eche other weeke:
VVhat more felth,
what more for welth.
what needeth lesse
runne Iack, help Bessie,
to stay amys
not hauing this
farre of to seeke

B.ii.

I do.

To the Reader.

I do not craue
mo thanks to haue,
then geuen to me
all ready be,
but this is all
to such as shall

peruse this booke,
That for my sake
they gently take
what ere they finde
against their minde,
when he or she
shal minded be
therein to looke,

And graunt me now
thou reader thow,
of termes to Vse
such choyse to chuse,
as may delight
the countrey wight
and knowlede bring:

For such do prayse
the country phrayse
the countrey actes
the countrey factes
the countrey toyes
before the ioyes
of any thing,

Nor looke thou here
that euery shere,
of euery verse
I thus reherse,
may profit take
or vantage make

by lessons such:
for here wee see
things feuerall bee,
and there, no dike,
but champion like
and sandye soyle
and clayey toyle
do suffer muche,

Thus being wayde
be not afrayde,
to buy to proue
to reade with loue,
to followe some
and so to come
by practise trew:
My payne is past,
thou warning hast,
the experience mine,
the vantage thyne,
may giue thee choice
to crye or reioyce
and thus a dew,

Finis T. Tusser.

The preface.

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Cap. 4.



What lookest thou herein to haue,
Fine verses thy fansie to please?
Of many my betters that craue,
Looke nothing but rudenes in these.

what other thing lookest thou then?
Graue sentences many to finde?
Such poets haue twentie and ten,
Yea thousandes contenting the minde,

what looke ye, I pray you shew what?
Termes painted with rethorick fyne?
Good husbundry seeketh not that,
Nor istanie meaning of mine,

what lookest thou speake at the last,
Good lessons for thee and thie wife?
Then keepe them in memorie fast,
To helpe as a comfort to life.

what loke ye for more in my booke?
Points nedeful & meete to be knowne?
Then dailie be sure to looke,
To saue to be sure thine owne.

B.iiii.

Let

2 The commodities of Husbandry.

Chap. 5.

Let house haue to fill her

Let land haue to till her

No dwellers, what profiteth house for to stand,
what goodnes, vnoccupied bringeth the lande.

No labor no bread

No host we be dead,

No husbandry bled, how soone shal we sterue,
house keeping neglected, what comfort to serue.

Ill father no gift,

No knowledge no thrift

The father an vnthrift, what hope to the sone,
the ruler vnskillful, how quickly vndonne.

Chap. 6.

As true as thy fayth,

this Riddle thus sayth.

The prasse of husbandry / Seeme but a drudge, yet I passe any king,
to such as can vse me, great wealth I do bring.

Since Adam first liued, I neuer did die.

When Noe was a shipman, there also was I.

The earth is my store house, the sea my fshpond,

What good is in either, by me it is soude,

What hath any life, but I helpe to preserue,

what wight without me, but is ready to sterue.

In woodland, in Champion, Citty or towne,

if long I be absent, what falleth not downe.

If long I be present what godnes can want,

though things at my coming, were neuer so scant.

So many as loue me, and vse me a right,

with treasure and pleasure, I richly acquite.

Great kings I do succoure, else wrong it would go,
the king of al kings hath appointed it so.

The

The discription of Husbandry. 6

Chap. 7.

Of husband, doth husbandry challenge that name
of husbandry, husband doth likewise the same,
where huswife and huswifery, ioyneth with theale,
there wealth in abundance, is gotten with ease.

The name of a husband, what is it to saye,
of wife and the household, the band and the stape.
Some husbandry thriuerh, that neuer had wife,
yet skarce a good husband, in goodnes of life.

The husband is hee, that to labor doth sal,
the labour of him, I do, husbandry call.
If thrist by that labour, be any way caught.
then is it good husbandry, els is it naught.

So household and householdry, I do define,
for folke and the goods, that in house be of thine.
House keeping to them, as a refuge is set,
which like as it is, so repozt it doth get.

Be house or the furniture, neuer so rude
of husband and husbandry, (thus I conclude)
that huswife and huswiferye, if it be good,
must pleasure together, as colins in blood,

The ladder to thrifte Chap. 8.

I Take thy calling thankfully,
and shonne the path to beggery.

2 To grudge in yonth no drudgery,
to come by knowledge perfectly.

The ladder to thriste,

- 3 To comyt no trauell flauery,
that byngs in peny sanerly.
- 4 To folow profit earnestly.
but medle not with pilfery.
- 5 To get by honest practisy.
and kepe thy gettings couertly.
- 6 To lash not out too lashingly.
foz feare of pinching penury.
- 7 To gett good plot to occupy,
and stoze and vse it husbandly.
- 8 To shew to landlozd curtesy,
and keepe thy couenants ozderly.
- 9 To holde that thine is lawfully.
foz stourmes oz foz flaterly.
- 10 To wed good wife foz company,
and lue in wedlocke honestly.
- 11 To furnysh house with householdry
and make prouisions skilfully.
- 12 To ioine to wife good famely.
and none to keepe foz branery.
- 13 To suffer none lue idely.
foz feare of idle knanery.
- 14 To courage wife in huswifery.
and vse well doers gentely.
- 15 To keepe no more but needfully
and coumpt excesse vnsauery.

The ladder to thrift. 7

16 To rise be times by readely,
both smoxing Hob and Margery.

17 To walk thy pastures vsually;
to spie il neighbours suttletie.

18 To hate reuengment hastely,
foz loesing loue and amitie.

19 To liue by neighbour neighbourly.
and shewe him no discurtesie.

20 To aunswer stranger ciuely,
but shew him not thy secretesie.

21 To vse no friend disceitfully,
and offer no man billeny.

22 To learne how foe to pacifie,
but trust him not to trustely.

23 To kepe thy touch substancially,
and in thy woꝛd vse constancy.

24 To make thy bandes aduisedly,
and come not bound thꝛough suertie.

25 To hate to liue in infamy,
thꝛough craft and liuing naughtely.

26 To banishe house of blasphemy,
least Crosse crossle vnluckely.

27 To stop mischaunce, thꝛough polecty,
foz chancing to vnhappely.

28 To beare thy crosses patiently,
foz woꝛldly thinges are slipperly.

The ladder to thrift.

29 To train thy child by vertuously,
that vertue, vice may qualifie.

30 To bridle wild ores fantasie,
to spend thee naught vnthriftely.

31 To pray to God continually,
to aide the against thine enemy.

32 To spend the Saboth holily,
and help the pooze in misery.

33 To liue in conscience quietly,
and kepe thy selfe from malady.

34 To ease thy sickenes speedely,
er helpe by past recovery.

These be the steppes vnfaignedly:
to climbe to thrist by husbandry.

The lesson.

¶ These steppes both reach,
and reach thee shall,
to come by thrift,
to shift with all.

¶ *Good husbandly lessons Worthy to be*
followed of such as will thriue Cap. 9

GOD sendeth & geueth, both mouth and the meate,
and feederh vs all, with his benefitis greate.
Serue willingly God, that so richely dorth giue,
New loue to thy neighbour, and lay for to liue

2 True

Good husbandly lessons.

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2 True wedlocke is best, for auoyding of sinne,
the bed vndefiled, much honour doth winne.
Though loue be in chusing, farre better then gold,
let loue come with some what, the better to hold.

3 Wher cooples agre not, is ranker and strife,
wher such be together, is seldome good life.
where cooples in wedlocke, do louely agree:
there foison remaineth, if wisdom there bee.

4 Who loketh to mary, must lay to kepe house,
for loue may not alway be playng with douse.
If chyliden encrease, and no stay of thine owne,
what afterwarde followes, is sone to be knowen,

5 Once charged with chyliden, or likely to bee,
giue ouer to sudgerne, that thinkest to thee.
Least grutchng of hostis, and crauing of nurse:
be costly and nopsome to thee and thy purse.

Thee for
thyne.

6 Good husbands that loueth, good houses to keepe,
are oftentimes carefull, when other do sleepe.
To spend as they may, or to stop at the furst:
for running in danger, or feare of the wurst.

7 Go compt with thy coekers, when harness is in,
which way for thy profite, to saue or win.
of tone of them both, if a sauer we smel:
house keeping is godly, wher euer we dwel.

By harness
is ment all
thy stocke.

8 Sonne, thinke not thy money, purse bottō to burn,
but kepe it for profit, to serue thing one turne.

Cii.

A foole

3 Good husbandly lessons.

a foole and his mony, be sone at debate:
which after with sorow, repents him to late.

2 Good bargaine a doing, make priuie but fewe,
in selling, refraine not abroad it to shewe.
In making make hast, and away to thy pouch:
in selling no hast if ye dare it auouch.

10 Good landlozd who findeth, is blessed of god,
a cumbersome land lozd, is husbandmans rod.
He noyeth, Destroyeth, and all to this drift:
to strip his pooze tenant, of ferme and of thyft.

4. beggers 11 Once placed for profit, loke neuer for ease,
except ye beware of such mychers as these.
Unthriftines, slouthfulnes, careles and rash,
that thrusteth thee headlong, to runne in the lash.

Thriftes
officers.

12 Make money thy dzudge, for to folowe thy warke
make wisdom comptroller, good order thy clarke.
Provision Cater, and skil to bee cooke:
make steward of all, pen and inke and thy booke.

Thriftes
physicke.

13 Make hunger thy sauce, as a medicen for helth
make thyrst to be butler, as phisike for welth.
Make eye to be vsher, good blage to haue:
make bolt to be porter to kepe out a knaue.

14 Make husbandry bayly, abroad to prouide,
make huswifery daily, at home for to guide.
Make roser fast locked, thy treasure to keepe:
make house to be sure, the safer to slee pe.

15 Make

Good husbandly lessons.

9

15 Make bandog thy scoutwatch, to barke at a thefe,
make currage for life, to be captaine chefe.
Make trapdoze thy bullwarke, make bell to beguine:
make gunstone and arrow, shew who is within.

husbandly
armour.

16 The credite of master, to brothel his man,
and also of mistresse, to minnekin Nan,
Be causers of opening, a number of gappes:
that letteth in mischief, and many mishapes.

to hence
to chafe.

17 Good husband he trudgeth, to bring in the gaines,
good huswife she brudgeth, refusing no payns,
Though husband at home, be to compt ye wot what,
yet huswife within, is as needefull as that.

18 What helpeth in store, to haue neuer so much,
halfe lost by ill vsage, ill huswiues and such,
so, twenty lode bushes, cut downe at a clapp:
such heed may be taken, shal stoppe but a gapp.

19 A reachelless seruant, a mistres that skowles,
a rauening mastife, and hogges that eate fowles.
A giddy brayne master, and stroy al his knaue:
bringes rueling to ruine, and thurst to her graue.

6. not more
to chafe.

20 With some vpon Sundaies, their tables do reeke,
and halfe the weke after, their dinners to seeke.
Not often exceding, but alway enough:
is husbandly fare, and the guise of the plough.

21 Eche day to be feasted, what husbandry wurs,
eche day for to feast, is as ill for the purse.

C.iii.

yet

Good husbandly lessons.

Let measurely feasting, with neighbours amonge
shal make thee beeloued, and liue the moze long.

Chriftes
aduyces.

22 Things husbandly handfom, let workman contriue,
but build not for glozy, that thinkest to thriue,
who fondly in doing, consumeth his stocke:
in the ende for his folly, doth get but a mocke.

23 Spend none but your owne, how soeuer ye spend,
for bzinging and shifring, haue seldome good end.
Tithe duely and truely, with hartty good will:
that god and his blessing, may dwell with thee still.

24 Be suertie seldome. (but neuer for much)
for feare of purse penplesse, hanging by such.
O skarbozowe warning, as ill I belue:
when (Sir I arest ye) gets holde of thy sleue.

25 Use (legem pone) to pay at thy daye,
but vse not Oremus, for often delaye.
Let (Presta quæsumus) out of a grate
of al other collectis, the lender doth hate.

26 Who liuing but lendes, and be lent to they must,
else buyng and selling, mought lye in the dust.
But shamelesse and craftie, that desperate are:
make many full honest, the wozser to fare.

27 At some time to bozow, accompt it no shame,
if iustly thou keepest, thy touth for the same.
who quick be to bozow, and slow be to pay:
their credit is naught, go they neuer so gay.

28 who

Good husbandly lessons. 10

28 Who breaketh his credite, or cracketh it twise,
trust such with a suertie, if ye be wise.
Or if he be angry, for asking thy due:
once euen, to him after ward, lend not a new.

29 Accompt it well solde, that is iustly well paid,
and compt it well bought, that is neuer denyd.
But yet here is tone, here is tother doth best:
for buyer and seller, for quiet and rest.

30 Leauē Princes affaires vnderkanted on,
and tend to such doings as standes thee vpon,
In substance, although ye haue neuer so much,
Delight not in parasites, harlots and such,

31 As Interest or vsury playeth the dzenel,
so, hilbacke and filbelly, byreth as euill.
Put dicing among them, and docking the dell:
and smell of a begger where ener ye dwell.

32 Once weekly remember, thy charges to cast,
once monthly see how, thy expences may last.
If quarter declareth to much to be spent:
for feare of il yere, take aduise of thy rent.

33 Who orderly entreteth, his payments in booke,
may orderly find them againe if he loke.
And he that entendeth, but once for to paye:
shall find this in doing, the quietest waye.

34 In dealing vprightly, this counsell I teache,
first reckon, then write, or to purse ye do reach.

Good husbandly lessons.

Then pay and dispatch him, as sone as ye can,
for lingring is hinderance to many a man.

35 Haue waights I aduise thee, for siluer and gold,
for some be in knauery, now a dayes bolde.
And for to be sure, good money to pay:
receiue that is currant as nere as ye may.

36 Delight not for pleasure, two houses to keepe,
least charge without measure, vpon thee do creepe.
And Janking and Jenykin, colen thee so:
to make the repent it, or yere about go.

37 The stone that is rouling, can gether no mosse,
who often remoueth, is sure of losse.
The riche it compelleth, to pay for his pride,
the pooze, it vndoeth on euery side,

38 The eye of the master, enricheth the hutch,
the eye of the mystrisse auaieth as much.
Whiche eye, if it govern with reason and skill:
hath seruant and seruike, at pleasure and will.

39 Who seketh reuengement of euery wrong,
in quiet nor safetie, continueth long.
So he that of wilfulnesse trieth the lawe:
shall strue for a corcome, and thriue as a dawe.

40 To hunters and haukers, take heed what ye say,
mild aunswer with curtesie, driues them awaye.
So, wher a mans better, will open a gapp,
resist not with rudenesse for feare of mishapp.

Good Husbandly lessons.

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41 A man in this world, for a churle that is knowne,
shall hardly in quiet, keepe that is his owne.
where lowly and such, as of curtesie smelles:
finds fauor and frindship: wher euer he dwelles,

42 Keepe truly thy Saboth the better to spede,
keepe seruant from gadding, but when it is neede,
keepe fshday and fasting day, as they doe fall:
what custome thou keepest let others keepe all.

43 Day wekely thy workman, his household to feede,
pay quarterly seruants, to buy as they neede.
geue garment to such as deserue and no mo:
lest thou and thy wife, without garment do go.

44 Beware raskabilia, slouthfull to worke,
pzooiners and filchers, that loueth to lurke,
awaye with such lubbers, so loth to take paine:
that rouses in expences, but neuer no gaine.

45 Good wife, and good chyldren, are worthy to eate
good seruant, good laborer, earneth their meat.
good frind and good neighbour, that fellowly gest:
with hartely welcome, should haue of the best.

46 The gretest preferment, that child we can geue,
is learning and nurture, to traime him to liue,
which who so it wanteth, though less as a squer:
consumeth to nothing, as block in the fier.

47 These lessons approued, if wisely ye note,
may saue and auantage ye, many a grots,

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Good husbandly lessons.

which if ye can follow, occasions found:
then every lesson, may saue ye a pound.

An habitation enforced aduisedly to
be followed better late then neuer;
made vpo these words, set down
Robin and rest thee, Cap. 10.

MI friend if cause doth wrest the,

ere folly hath much oppressed the

Farre from acquaintance kest the

where cuntrie may digest the

Let wood and water request the,

In good corne soyle to nest the

where pasture and mede may brest the,

And healthsom aire inuest the.

Though enuie shall detest the,

Let that no whit molest the,

Thank God that so hath b'lest the,

And sit downe Robin and rest the.

Septembers abstract, Cap. 11.

September blow soft,

Till fruit be in lost.

Godd farms now the,
keepe still by, for sake.

2 What helps reuue,
The thyrming to thyrme.

3 Plow, sence and store,
Anght els before.

Forgotten, what pass

do, rememb'ed last

4 By tills and toyle

hem gapeth much

5 Doxe strong and light,

loone charges quight.

6 Light hee and portle,

What lightnes worse.

Septembers abstract.

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| 6 | Who goes a borrowiug,
goos a losowiug. | 32 | Have money prest,
to buy at the best. |
| | Few lends but sooles,
their working sooles. | 33 | Some cattel home bring,
for Pigbelmas spring. |
| 7 | For stable and barne,
what furniture learne. | | By hauke and hound,
small profit is found. |
| | What more both neede,
here mayst thou recde. | 34 | Dispatche looke home,
to loytering moine. |
| 8 | Keade still doone lower,
till twenty and lower. | | Prouide or repent,
mich now for lent. |
| 35 | Take shipping or ride,
lent kusse to prouide. | 35 | Solw crone thy sheepe,
fat those ye kee pe. |
| 36 | Let Habberden lye,
in pease strawe drye. | | Leu milking old koto,
fat aged by note. |
| 27 | Lay much out of hand
vpon Barley land. | 36 | Plow burne or molwe,
thyck stubbel loin. |
| 28 | Some gaire spie out,
by riding about. | | Eate erthe or ye plow,
with hog, sheepe and knott. |
| | Marke now of years,
what cheape what deere. | | Molwe hame a patche,
get home to thatch. |
| 29 | Some skill doth well,
to buy and sell, | 37 | Where Barly did growe,
Strike, wheat to solwe. |
| | Of chiefe who buyeth,
in daunger lieth. | | Yet better I thinke,
solwe pease after dyne. |
| 30 | Commoditie knowe,
abode is blowe. | 38 | Land sheaweth the plough,
enough is enough. |
| 31 | At first hand buy
at thy best lye. | | Each diuers soyle,
hath diuers toyle. |
| | | | Know. |

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- 39 Know plotting lande,
let plow els stand.
Some countreys vse,
that some refuse.
- 40 Few after crop much,
but nobles and such.
What croppers bee,
here looke and see,
Rye, Barly and Wheat,
be croppers great.
Though Otes do sucke,
yet pease do muche.
- 41 Still cartage is good,
for timber and wood,
No longer delays,
to mēd the high wales.
- 42 Home felwell set,
learne wher to set.
- 43 In pyling of loggs.
make honell for hoggs.
- 44 Get home with the byake,
to byete with and bake.
To couer the hed,
dye ouer the hed.
To be vnder mowe,
to rot vnder howe.
- 45 Greene Rye haue some,
are dyghen in thine.
- 46 Graunt soile her lust,
sow Rye in the dust.
Such seepe ye sowe,
such reape oʒ moue.
- 47 See to me sowe in,
to thicke noʒ to thin.
For want of seede,
land byingeth weede.
- 48 French redge and forough,
that water may thepough.
With fling oʒ bowe,
hepe coyne fro Crowe.
- 49 Sell batter and cheese,
good saires few leese.
At sayes buy,
home want to supply.
- 50 If hops looke by stone,
go gather them downe.
But not in a deaw,
noʒ pibling with leaw.
- 51 Of hops this knack,
put in thy pack.
Hops had the fell,
go couer his bill.
- 52 Take hop to thy boke,
but byake not his pole.
- 53 Learne here then Grainger,
to fraine hop manger.
54. Hop

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- 54 Hop pole ynter
against to set.
Hop pole by and by,
lay safe by dyp.
Least poles may hurt,
lay new to plant.
- 55 The Hops hell oppoe,
will best abide.
Hops dyed in loft,
alike tendance oft.
- 56 Hops dyed in all colt,
ill kept halfe lost.
Hops some be lyffe,
take heed, if thou wilt.
- 57 A mowd Crab wyll
Crab wyll and all.
- 58 Cold Wolly and Hammes,
seawponds, and no Hammes.
Well weether thy wyl,
fruits gather, grapes pul.
For feare of pades,
go gather thy crabbes.
- 59 Blucke fruite to taste,
loven sigbetts paste.
- 60 For get it not,
fruite dyed will rot.
Right ladder and long,
both tree left wyng.
- 61 Go gather thy wyl,
and gather thy wyl.
Dye thyne hoes colt,
for wyl and hoes.
Go dyng of hoes,
til yeard next spall on.
- 62 Good dwelling gale,
or hence go thy wyl.
- 63 Put wyl into thy
for wyl and hoes.
- 64 Wyl and hoes,
let wyl be wyl.
- 65 Hoes and hoes,
not wyl and hoes.
- 66 Wyl and hoes,
not wyl and hoes.
- 67 Wyl and hoes,
not wyl and hoes.
- 68 Wyl and hoes,
not wyl and hoes.
- 69 Wyl and hoes,
not wyl and hoes.

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- 70 Let hoggs be young,
 both old and young.
 71 No mast upon the
 no longer brooke.
 72 Hoggs butting come
 may not be blame.
 73 Goodneighbour the
 goodneighbour allowe.
 74 Keep safe the fence
 skarc breakes hedge there.
 75 Sparke wine and moone
 at night and noone.
 Some sigge the plow
 some milke the hew.
 Some pale some pish
 some lunge fish.
 76 Keep hoggs blacke
 few proulers lacke.
 77 Sparke losse with grice
 through prouling thise.
- 78 To sale in pitt pasture
 boord long to laste.
 79 Let log be bayle
 least profit quarle.
 80 Some stab let lie
 for stable and sty.
 Some dust spred thicke
 makes all y tricke.
 Sow as ye wish
 go seuer thy fish.
 When friend shall come
 to be sure of some.
 Thy pond greyn
 put Cole in steyn.
 Doe till lent
 and then to be spent.
 Set priu or priu
 set bare like him.
 Set herbes some more
 for winter store.
 Set gelliflowers all
 that growes on the wall.
 Sow seeds for the put
 for flowers some not.

Septembers husbandry.

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Provide against **Winters** **barrenness**,
for **ferme** to **give** **ouer**, to **hope** **of** **to** **take** **on** **his** **day**
In **doing** **of** **either**, **let** **witt** **beare** **a** **stroke**;
for **buying** **of** **selling**, **of** **big** **in** **the** **poor**.

2 **Good** **ferme** **&** **wel** **stoyed**, **good** **winning** **and** **dyer**
good **corne** **and** **good** **barrie**, **good** **winnowel** **and** **nie**,
Good **shepard**, **good** **tilman**, **good** **Jacke** **&** **good** **Gill**,
make **husband** **&** **hathwife**, **their** **decrets** **to** **fill**.

3 **Let** **pasture** **be** **stoyed**, **and** **fenced** **about**,
and **silage** **set** **for** **ward**, **as** **new** **with** **out**,
Before **ye** **do** **open** **your** **purse** **to** **begin**;
with **any** **thing** **doing**, **for** **saue** **with** **in**.

4 **No** **stoying** **of** **pasture**, **with** **bagged** **gle** **re**,
with **raked** **with** **net**, **and** **ewel** **in** **the** **re**.
Let **karr** **en** **and** **barren** **be** **shifted** **away**,
for **best** **is** **the** **best**, **what** **to** **let** **ye** **pay**.

5 **Worse**, **Orren**, **plough** **tumbrel**, **cratt**, **in** **agge**, **&** **whorle**
the **lighter** **and** **stronger**, **the** **greater** **the** **gaine**.
The **soyle** **and** **the** **seede** **with** **the** **sheafe** **and** **the** **purse**
the **lighter** **in** **the** **best**, **the** **best** **in** **the** **best**.

Strong and
light.

6 **To** **boze** **our** **to** **day**, **and** **to** **boze** **to** **night**,
for **lender** **and** **boze** **in** **the** **best**, **the** **best** **in** **the** **best**.
Then **haue** **of** **thine** **owne**, **with** **out** **lending** **in** **the** **best**;
of **boze** **with** **in** **the** **best**, **the** **best** **in** **the** **best**.

Boze boze
Boze.

A **Dygression** **to** **husbandly** **furniture**.

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Barne

Handly furniture

Stene furni-
ture.

7 Barne locked, gose ladder, short pitchfork & long
flayle, strawfork and rake, with a fan that is strong.
winged and one end of the same. A broome and a hand
get casting. A halow broome, & a socke with a hand.

Stable furni-
ture.

8 A stable well walled with hay and a lock,
walles strongly well liened to beate of a knock.
A rock and a manger, good litter and bare,
sweete chaffe and fume pouders every day.

9 A pitchfork, a long fork, scue shov and a bla-
A broome and a paille, to put water therein.
A handbar owe, whelebrowe, shelve and a spader
A currey combe, maine combe, and whip for a lade.

10 A buttrice and pincers, a hammer and nail,
an Apen and sizers for head and for taile.
Hole byidle and saddle, whic lether and gill,
with collers and harness for whiler and all.

11 A panell and watter, pack saddle and ped,
a line to fetch litter, and halters for head.
Whic crotchis and pincers, to hang crotchis thereon,
and stable saddle charmed, that noching be gon.

Cart furni-
ture.

12 Strong prestred cart, shovels clew and shov,
cart ladder and wumble, with pecter and pod,
whele ladder for harvest, light pitchfork and rough,
shaue, whiplash well knotted, and cart rope enough.

Some to
half a quarter

13 Ten sackes, where of every one holderth a coome,
A pulling hooke handsome for bulhes and broome.

Light

Good husbandly furniture.

15

Light Tumbrel, & Dong crone, for easing sic wagg:
Sholue, pickax and mattock, with bottle and bagg:

14 A Grinstone, a wetstone, a hatchet and bill,
with hamer and English naile, sorted with skil.
A frower of pron, for cleauing of lath:
with roule for a sawpit, good husbandry hath.

Husbandry
tools.

15 A short saw, and long saw, to cut a too logges,
an ax and a nads, to make troffe, for thy hoggs.
A Douercourt betle, and wedges with steeler:
Strong leuer to rapse vp the block fro the whele.

16 Two ploughs & a plough chein, ii. culters, iii. shares
with ground clouts, & side clouts, for soile & so tares. Housing
furniture,
with ox bowes and oxiokes, and other things moe:
for oxteme and hozseteme, in plough for to goe.

17 A plough betle, ploughstaf, to further the plough
great clod to a sunder that breaketh so rough.
A sled for a plough, and another for blocks,
for chimney in winter, to burne vp their docks.

18 Sedge collers for ploughhoys, for lightnes of neck
good seede and good sower, and also seede peck.
Strong oxen and hozses, well shod and well clad:
well meated and bled, for making thee sad.

19 A barley rake toothed, with pron and keele,
like paier of harrowes, and roller doth weele.
A sling for a moether, a bow for a boy:
a whip for a catter, is hoigh de la roye.

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20 A brush

Husbandly furniture.

20 A bush sythe, and grasse syth, with risle to stand,
a cradle for barley, with rubstone and sande.
Sharpe sickle and weeding hooke, hay fork and rake:
a meake for the pease, and to swinge up the brake.

21 Rakes also for barley, long toothed in hed,
and greater like toothed, for barley so shed.
with skuttle or skzeine, to rid soile from the corner:
and sharung sheares ready, for sheepe to be shorne.

22 Long ladder to hang al along by the wall,
to reach for a neede, to the top of the hall.
Beanie, scales with y weights, that ar sealed & true,
Sharp mowle spare with barbs, y the mowles do so rue.

23 Hog pokes, and a twicher, and ringes for a hog,
with tar in a pot, for the byeting of dog.
A sheepe marke, a tarre kettle, little or mitch:
two pottles of tarre, to a pottle of pitch.

24 A forke and a hooke, to be tampring in clay,
a lath hammer, trowel, a hod, or a tray.
Strong fetters and shakles, with hozslock and pad:
strong soles, and such other thinges, meete to be had.

¶ Here endeth Husbandly furniture.

25 When haruest is ended, take shipping or ride,
Linge, saltfish, and herring, for lent to prouide.
To buy at the first, as it commeth to roade:
shal pay for thy charges, thou spendest abrode.

26 Chuse skillfully saltfish, not burnt at the stone,
buy such as is good, or els let it alone.

Get home that is bought, and go stack it vp drie:
with peasestraw betwene it the safer to lie,

27 Et euer ye iourney, cause seruant with speede,
to compas thy barley land, where it is neede.
One acre well compassed, passeth some thre:
thy barne shal at haruest, declare it to thee.

28 This lesson is learned, by riding about,
the prices of vittell, the yeare thozough out.
Both what to be selling, and what to refraine:
and what to be buying, to bying in a gaine.

29 Though buying & selling, doth wonderful well,
to such as haue skill, how to buy and to sell,
Yet chopping and changing, I cannot commend:
with knaue & his marrow, for feare of yll end.

30 The riche in his bargening, needs not be sought,
of buyer and seller, full farre is he sought.
yet here in consisteth, a part of our terr:
who buyeth at first hand, at second and next.

31 At first hand he buyeth, that payeth al downe,
at second, that hath not so much in the towne,
at third hand he buyeth, that buyeth of trust:
at his hand who buyeth, shall pay for his lust.

32 As oft as ye bargain, for better or worse,
to buy it the cheaper, haue chinks in thy purse.
Touch kept is comended, yet credit to keepe:
is pay and dispatch him er euer ye sleepe,

Septembers husbandry.

33 Be mindefull abroade, of a Shighelmas springe,
for theron dependeth a husbandly thinge.

Though some haue a pleasure with hauke vpon hād:
good husbands get treasure to purchas their land.

34 Thy market dispatched, turne home again round,
least gaping for peny, thou lossest a pound.
Prouide for thy wife, or els looke to be shent:
good milch kow for winter, another for lent.

35 In traueling homeward, buy pl. good crones,
and fat by the bodies of those sely bones.
A eue milking and dry by old mulley thy cower:
the crooked and aged, to fattening put now.

36 Some ploweth, some burneth, the wheat stubble ^{(sowe}
some after their barley, lay wheat for to sowe.
which euer thou mindist, now time it is best:
Do spare it for cattle, and so let it rest.

37 Some bseth the first yeare a fallow to make;
the next to sowe barle, the better to take.
Next that to sowe pease, & the next to sowe wheat:
then fallow againe, or to pasture for meat.

38 Two crops and a fallow, enricheth & plough;
though tōne be of pease, it is land good enough.
One crop and a fallow, some soile will abide:
where if ye saye further, lay profit a side.

39 In Essex, and Suffolke, such land I do know,
where excellent rie is, as any can grow.

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In fve yeare get thereof a crop and away,
if moze ye do take, ye were better to play

40 Stiler crop vpon crop, many farmers do take,
and reape little profit for gredines sake.

Though wheat vpon barley, a cropper is found:
no cropper is pease, but a comfort to ground.

41 Er winter pzeuenteth, while wether is good,
for getting of pasture, get whom with thy wood:
And carry out grauel, to fill vp a hole:
both timber and furzen, the turfe & the cole.

Carriage of
scuel.

42 Howse, charkole and sedge, chip & turfe of the lad,
pyle tallwood and billet, stack al that hath band.
Block rootes, pole & bough, set vp right to the thetch:
the nerer, moze handsome in winter to fetch.

well pluckt
of fawell.

43 In stacking of bauen and piling of loggs,
make vnder thy bauen a houel for hoggs.
And warmly enclose it, al sauing the mouth:
and that to stand open, and full to the south.

44 Get home with thy bzakes, er an sommer be gō,
for tendered cattle to list there vpon.
To couer thy houel, to brewe and to bake:
to lye in the bottome where moow ye do make.

45 Thresh seed & to fanning, September doth crye;
get plough to the field, and be sowing of rye.
Go harrow the redgis er enet ye strike:
this point of good husbandry, Suffolk doth like.

Sowing
rye.

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46 Sow

Septembers husbandry.

46 Sow winter corne timely, to follow his lust,
sow wheat as ye may, and the rye in the dust,
Be carefull of seede, or els such as ye sowe:
Be sure at haruest, to reape or to mowe.

47 Though beanes be in sowing, but scatered in,
yet wheat, rye and peason, I loue not to thin.
Sowe barley and dzedge with a plentiful hand:
lest weede, stead of seede, ouer groweth thy land,

48 Seede husbandly sowed, water forow thy ground
that raine when it cometh, may run away round,
Then stir about Nichol, with arrow and bowe,
take peny for killing, of euery Crowe.

49 At Bartilmew tide, or at Sturberedge faire,
buy that as is needefull, thy house to repaire.
Then sel to thy profit, both butter and cheese:
who buyeth it sooner, the more he shall leese.

Hops ga-
thering

50 If hoppes do loke browmish, then are ye to sowe,
if longer ye suffer, those hops for to growe.
Now, sooner ye gather, more profit is found:
if weather be fairer, and draw of a ground.

51 Not break of, but cut of, from hop the hop string,
leauw growing a little, again for to spring,
whose hil about pared, and ther with new clad:
shall nurrish more sets, against March to be had.

52 Hop hillock discharged, of euery ler,
see then without breaking, eche pole ye out get.

which

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which being antangled, aboue in the tops:
go carrie to such, as at plucking of hops.

53 Take sountage oz hayre (that couers the kel)
set like to a manger, and fastoned well,
with pole vpon crotchis, as high as thy brest:
foz sauing of ridaunce, is husbandry best.

Hop manger

54 Hops had, the hop poles, that are likely prezerue,
from rotting and breaking, againe foz to serue.
And plant ye with alders, oz willows some plot:
where yerely as needeth, mo poles may be got.

Save wel
hop poles

55 Some skilfully dzieth their hops on a kell,
and some on a soller, oft turning them well.
Kell dzied will abide, foule weather oz faire:
wher dzying and lying, in lost do dispaire.

Dzying of
hops

56 Some close them vp dzye, in a hogshed oz fatt,
yet canuas oz sountage, is better then that.
By dzying and lying, they quick yoe spilt:
thus much haue I shewed, do now as thou wilt,

Keeping of
hops

57 Saint Mighel doth bid thee, amend þ marsh wal
the brecke and the crab hole, the sozland and all.
one noble in season, bestowed thereon:
may saue thee a hundzed, er winter be gon.

A med marsh
walles

58 Now geld with the gelder, the ram & the bull,
few ponds amend dammes, & sell webster thy wull.
Out fruit, go and gather, but not in the deaw:
with crab and the wal nut, foz feare of a theaw,

59 The

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Fruit gathering.

59 The Moone in the wane, gather fruit for to last,
but winter fruit gather when Michel is past.
Though michers that loue not to buy nor to craue:
make some gather sooner, els few for to haue.

60 Fruit gathered to timely, will tast of the wood,
will shrink and be bitter, and seldome proue good,
So fruit that is shaken, or beat of a tree:
with husling in falling, soone faulty will bee.

**Drying of
hues**

61 Now burne by the bees, that ye mind for to dye
at Midsummer dye them, and saue them alive,
Place hue in good ayer, set southly and warme:
and take in due season, wax, honey and swarme.

62 Set hue on a plank, (not to low by the ground)
where herbe with the flowers, may compass it round.
And boordes to defend it, from north & north east:
from showers and rubbish, from vermin and beast.

**Dye by the
hore.**

63 At Michelmas safely, go tie by thy hore,
least straying abroad, ye do see him no more.
The soner the better for Halontide nye:
and better he draweth, if hard he do lye.

64 Shift hore (for il ayre) as best ye do thinke,
and twise a day giue him fresh vittle and drinke.
and diligent cysle, my dayry good wench:
make clely his cabben, for meassing and stench.

**Gathering of
winter hems**

65 Now pluck by the hempe, & go beat out the seed.
and afterward water it, as ye see need.

But

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But not in the river, where cattle should drink,
for poisoning them, and the people with stink,

66 Hemp huswisely bled, lokes clerely and bright,
and selleth it selfe by the colour so whight,
Som vseth to water it, some do it not.
be skilfull in doing, for fear it do rot.

67 Wife into thy garden, and set me a plot,
with strawberry rootes of the best to be got,
such growing abroad among thornes in the wood,
wel chosen and picked proue excellent good.

Setting of
strawberries.
& Roses &c.

68 The Barbery, Rospis and goosebery too,
looke now to be planted as other things doo:
The gale berry, respis and roses al thre,
with strawberries under them, truely agree.

Setting of
strawberries
& Roses &c.

69 To gather som mast, it shall stand thee vpon
with seruant & children, er mast be al gon.
Some lest among bushes, shall pleasure thy swyne:
for feare of a mischief, keepe aroons fro kyne,

Gathering of
Mast.

70 For rooting of pasture ring hog ye had need,
which being well ringled, the better do feed,
Though yong with their elders wil lightly keepe best
yet spare not to ringle, both great and the rest.

71 Poke neuer thy swyne, while y^e shacktime doth last
for diuers misfortunes, that happen to fast,
Or if ye do fancy, whole care of the hog:
gyue eye to il neighbour and care to his dog.

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72 Keepe

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72 Keepe dog, & aduise thee, from meadow and corne,
for out aloud crying, that ere he was bozne.

Such lawles so haunting, both often and long:
if dog fet him chaunting, he doth thee no wrong.

73 Wher loue among neighbours, do heare any strck
whiles thacktime endureth, men vfe not to yoke.

Yet surely ringling is needfull and good,
till frost do enuite them, to brakes in the wood.

74 Keepe safely and warely, thine bittermost fence,
with ope gap and breake hedge, do seldom dispence.
Such runabout proulers, by night and by daye,
see punished iustly, for prouling away.

Learn to
know how
prouler.

75 At noone if it bloweth, at night if it shine,
out trudgeth hew makelift, with hook & with line.
Whiles Giller his blouse, is a milking thy kow:
sir Hew, is a rigging, thy gate or the plow.

76 Such walke with a bla, or a red little cur,
that open will quickly, if any thing stir,
then skwatteth the master, or trudgeth away,
and after dog runneth, as fast as he may.

77 Some proulereth for fewell, and some away rig,
fat gofe and the capon, duck, hen and the pig.
Some proulereth for acornes, to fat vp their swine:
for corne and for apples, and all that is thine.

Shew out
thy timber.

78 Now sawe out thy tymbre, for boord & for pale,
to haue it bushaken, and ready to sale.

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Besow it and stick it, and lay it a right;
to find it in March, to be ready in plight.

79 Save stub of thy timber, for stable and sty,
for horse and for hog, the more clep to lye,
Save sawe dust, and brick dust and ashes to fine,
for alle to walke in, with neighbour of thine.

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October good blast
To blow the hog mast.

Forgotten month past
do now as the last.

1 Lay drie by and round,
for barley the ground.

5 Soyle perfittely knowe,
er ebbish ye sowe.

2 To late doth kill,
to soone is as ill.

Soede first go fetch,
for ebbish or etch.

3 Maides litle and great,
pick clene seede wheate.

Whight wheate if ye please,
now soyn upon pease.

Good ground doth crave,
choyse seede to have.

Sowe first the best,
and then the rest.

Flayles lustely thynke,
least plough seede lacke.

Kepe Crows good sonne,
see furrowinge donne.

4 Wile sowinge a pace,
in quere place.

6 Soyle acornes to proue,
that timber do loue.

If it, 7 Sow

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| 7 | So owe Hastings note,
if ground it allow. | Wheat chaffe lay up by,
in saling to see. |
| 8 | Learn ne soone to get,
a good quick let. | Make handsome a bin,
for chaffe to lye in. |
| 9 | For feare of the murr,
Make fat alway fur. | Get the rest thou shalt,
threth warley for malt. |
| 10 | Fat that no more,
ye keepe for stowe. | Cut bushes to hedge,
fence meadow and rege. |
| 11 | Hyde karen in graue,
lesse nopance to haue. | Stamp crabs that may,
for rotting away. |
| 12 | Hog meascled kill,
for flemeng that will. | Make vergis and perre,
sowe kirnell and berge. |
| | Sys, haue an eye,
to Woe in the eye. | Sow gather by fruite,
of euery suite. |
| 13 | Keepe flocs upon baw,
for flir of thy kow. | Parke wall, to sight,
strength now or god night. |
| 14 | With pease bolt and bake,
some byew and bake. | Where foyle is of sand,
quick set out of hand. |
| 15 | Olde graine woorth goold,
so kept as it shoold. | To plots not fully,
ad bycmble and hull. |
| | By malt all kept,
small profit is rept. | For set no bar,
while mofth hath an it. |
| | Friend ringle thy hog,
for feare of a dog. | Like note thou shalt,
for making of malt. |
| | Wye straw by stack,
least thatcher lack. | Wiew how to last,
till winter be past. |
| | Wheat straw bye laue,
for catter to haue. | |

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NOW lay vp thy barley land, dy as ye can,
when euer ye sow it, so looke for it than.

Get alway aforhand, be neuer behind:
least winter preuening do alter thy minde.

2 Who layeth vp fallo, to soon or to wet,
with noisance many, doth barley beset.

For wted and the water, so soeketh and sucks,
that goodnes frome eyther, it bitterly plucks.

3 Greene rye in September, when timely thou hast,
October for wheat sowing calleth as fast.

Sowing of
wheat.

If weather will suffer, this counsell I geue:
leand sowing of wheat, before Hallomas eue.

4 Where wheat vpon edils, ye mind to bestowe,
let that be the first, of the wheat ye do sowe,
Ye semeth to hart it, and comfort to bring:
that gyueth it comfort, of Michelmass spring.

5 Whight wheat vpon pease etch, is willing to grow:
though best vpon fallow, as many do knowe.
But where, how or when ye intend to begin:
let euer the finest, be first sown in.

6 Sowp Acornes ye owners that timber do loue,
sow haw and rye with them, the better to proue.

Sowing of
Acornes.

If cattel or Cunney, may enter to crop:
yongoke is in daunger, of losing his top.

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So tolag of
hastings oz
fullains.

7 Who pascods delighteth, to haue with the fursk,
if now he do sow them, I think it not wurst.
The greener thy peason, and warmer the room:
moze kisse the layer, moze plenty the toom.

8 Go plow bp oz delue bp, aduised with skill,
the bredith of a ridge, and in length as ye will:
wher speddy quicke set, for a fence ye will drawe:
to sowe in the seede, of the bremble and hawe.

9 Through plenty of acorns, the porkling to fat,
not taken in season may perish by that.
If eating, oz swelling, get once to the throte,
thou loest thy porkling, a crowne to a grote.

10 What euer thing fat is againe if it fall,
thou ventrest the thing, and the fatnes with all.
The fatter the better to sell oz to kill,
but not to continue, make profe if ye will.

11 What euer thing dyeth, go bury oz burne,
for tainting of ground, oz a worser il turne.
Such pestilent smell, of a karrenly thing:
to cattel and people, great perill may bring.

12 Thy measeled bacon hog, sow oz thy boze,
shet bp for to heale, for infecting thy floze.
Or kill it for bacon, oz sowce it to sell,
for Flemming that loues it so delintely well.

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the how flir

13 Seith water, and plump therein plenty of floes,
mix chawlk that is dyed, in powder with thoes.

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which so, if ye geue, with the water and chalke:
thou makest the lare, fro thy how away walke.

14 With strawisp, & pease bolt, with serne & the bzake
for sparing of sewell, some brew and do bake,
and heate th the copper, for seething of grainer,
good seruant rewarded, refuseth no paines.

Good breadcorne and drinkcorne full xx. weekes kept,
is better then new, that at haruest is reft.
But for thy the bredcorne and bowd eaten malt,
for health or for profit, find nopsom thou shalt.

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Chap. 15.

November take thyse,
Let ship no more sayle.

Forgotten month past,
do now as the last.

1 Let hog once fat,
lose nothing of that.

Let husbandly man,
make cleane as he can.

When malt is gon,
hog falleth angu.

4 Thresh barley thou shalt,
for chapman to malt.

Still fat vp some,
till throstide come.

Else thresh no more,
but for thy roze.

Now pork and to lase,
beares tack in house.

5 No chaffe in binn,
makes houle looke thinn.

2 Lay flitches a salting,
put barley to malting.

6 Make martilmas biese,
dere meate is a thiese.

Through folly too brastly,
much bacon is castly.

7 Set garlike and pease,
Saint Edmond to please.

3 In casting proude,
for seede laye aside.

8 When

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| 8 | When raine takes place,
to threshing a pace. | 15 | For herbes good store,
frenche garden more. |
| 9 | Good haine to rough,
Gates all at plough,
With flate and whips,
fat hen shoot skips. | 16 | At midnight tye,
foale pture to fte. |
| 10 | Som threshing by taske,
will steale and not aske.

Such thresher at night,
walkes seloome home light,

Some come away lag,
in bottle and bag.

Some steale for a iest,
egges out of the nest. | 17 | Mid chimney of foot,
from top to the foot. |
| 11 | Lay stouer by dyke,
in order to lye.

Dooze koth doth craue,
fresh straw to haue. | 18 | In stable put now,
thy hoxes for plow. |
| 12 | Make weekly by stouer,
though thresher do lower.

Lay grayn in loft,
and turne it oft. | 19 | Good hoxkerper will,
lay muck vpon bill. |
| 13 | For much regard,
make cleue some yard.

Lay straw to rot.
in watric plot. | | Get pole boye mine,
beat halwas to the swyne.

Dine hogs to the wood,
bake rootes be good.

For mischief that falles,
looke well to marsh walles. |
| 14 | Bedlong by plow,
for rompas enow, | | Dye layer get neat,
and plenty of meat.

Burst cattel that hurteth,
pooze swene soone hurteth.

Good neighbour mine,
ring well thy swine.

Such winter may serue,
hog rings, will serue.

In frost keep hog,
fram hunting of hog. |

AT Hallontide, slaughter time entereth in.
And then doth the husbandmans, feasting begin.
From thence vnto thz of tide, kil now & than some,
their offal for household, the better will come.

2 Thy dzedg and thy barley, go thzesh out to male,
let malster be cunning, else lose it thou shalt.
Thencease of a seame, is a bushel for store,
bad else is the barley, or huswife much more.

3 Some bseth to winnew, some bseth to fan,
some bseth to cast it as cleane as the can.
for seede go and cast it, for malting not for
but get out the cockle, and then let it go.

4 Thzesh barley as yet, but as neede shall requier,
fresly thzeshed for stouuer, thy cattle desire.
And therefore that thzeshing, forbare as ye may:
til candelmas coming, for sparing of hay.

5 Such wheat as ye keepe for the bakers to buye,
vnthzeshed till March, in the sheafe let it lye.
Least foistenes take it, if sooner ye thzesh it,
although by oft turning, ye seeme to refresh it.

6 Saue chaff of the barely, of wheat and of rye,
from feathers and foistenes, where it doth lye.
which mixed with cozne, being sifted of dust:
go giue to thy cattle, when setue them ye must.

6 (For Easter) at Marchmas, hang sparbiefe,
for stalked and pease fed, play pickpurse the thiefe.

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with that and the like, or an grasse biese come in,
thy folke shall towe chere, when others take thin.

8 Set garlike & beans, at S. Edmond the king,
the moone in the wane; theron hangeth a thing,
Thence crease of a pottle (wel proued of some)
Thall present to thy god, to be bestid to thy come.

9 When raine is a let, to thy doings abroad,
set thy sheers a threshing, today on good tide.
Thresh cleane ye must bid them, though lesser they
and looking to thine, haue an eye to thy barne.

10 Take heed to thy man, in his fury and haste;
with ploughstake & whipstock, for mayning thy neat
To thy sheer for hurting, of kow with his flayle;
or making thy den, to play tapple by ralle.

11 Some pilfering thy sheer, will walke with a staffe,
will carry home corne, as it is in the chaffe,
And some in his bottle of leather so great:
will carry home daily, both barley and wheat.

12 If house come will serue thee, lay stower by dore,
and euery sort, by it selte for to lore.
Or stacke it for litter, if come be to poore:
and that ch out the residue, noying thy doore.

13 Canst thou wake thy sheer, to make up his stower
though slouthfull and pilferer, then a dore woe.
Take tub for a seasion, take sacke for a hift:
yet gather so graue, as the best of thy hift.

14 All maner of strawe, that is scattered in yard,
good

good husbandly husbands, haue dayly regard,
In pit ful of water, the same to bestowe:
where lyeing to rot, therof profit may growe.

15 Now plough by thy hedlond, or delue it wth spade,
where otherwile it is fit, but little is made:
And cast it by high, vpon hillocks to stand:
that winter may rot it, to compasse the land.

16 If Garden requier it, now trench it ye may,
one trench not a yarde, from another go lay,
which being wel filled, with mucke by & by:
go couer with mould, for a season to lye.

17 Foule priues are now, to be clensed a fyde,
let night be appointed, such baggage to hyde,
which buried in garden, in trenches a lower:
shall make very many things, better to growe.

18 The chymney at sooty, would now be made clene,
for feare of mischances, too oftentimes seene.
Old chymney a sooty, if fyrer once take:
by burning and breaking, soone mischance may make.

19 When ploughing is ended, and pasture not great,
then stable thy hoxles, and tend them with meat.
Let season be drye, when ye take them to house:
for danger of Altes, or for feare of a louse.

20 Lay compasse by handsomly, round on a hill,
to walke in thy yard, at thy pleasure and will.
More compas it maketh, a handsom the plot:
if hoxsheper dayly, forgetteth it not.

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Chap. 17.

O dirtie December,
for Christmas remember.

Forgotten month past
do now at the last.

1 No season to hedge,
get betle and wedge,

9 In walking about,
good for kiple out.

Cleue loges now all
For kitchen and hall.

10 At full and at change,
spring tides are strange.

2 Dull working fooles.
soone courage cooles.

If doubt ye fray,
dye the cattile a way.

3 Leane of tittle cattile,
and loke to thycattell.

11 Dank ling for got,
will quickly rot.

Serne pong pooze clues,
alone by them selues.

12 Here learne and trye,
to turne it and dye.

4 Warne barth to deate,
wozth halfe theyr meate.

13 Poole stocks remote,
that orchards sone.

The elder that nurseth,
the yonger soon hurteth.

14 Set stock to growe,
to thicke noz to lowe.

5 Hauke, how that is olde,
while winter doth holde.

Set now as they come.
both chearrey and plome.

6 Out once in a dape
to drynk and to playe.

15 Wind north, north east,
bids stock to il least.

7 Get trusty to serue,
least cattile do serue.

16 At Christmas is good,
to let the hoxle blood.

And such as in deede,
may helpe at a neede.

17 Marke here what rable
of euils in stable.

8 Obserue this lawe,
to serue out fraue.

18 Spirewell (olde gaffe)
hoxle cozne with chaffe.

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| Let fache nor Gill,
fetch coyne at will. | Who letteth her graine,
hath profit for paines. |
| 19 Hide strawberries wise,
to saue their life. | Set willow and fallow,
rid garden of mallow. |
| 20 Knot, bozder and all,
so we couer ye shall. | Let boze life render,
see byatone sod tender. |
| 21 Helpe bees sweete conney,
with lickour and honney. | For wise fruit buye,
for Christmas pye. |
| Let Christmas spy,
garde cleane to ly. | All bread and all drinke,
makes many a thyn. |
| No labour no sweat,
go labour for heat. | Both meat and cost,
is dyessed is lost. |
| Feede Dones, but kill not,
if stroy them ye will not. | Who hath where withal,
may cheere when he shall. |
| Fat hog, er ye kill it,
or els ye do spill it. | But charged man,
must cheere as he can. |
| But Dre in stall,
er Dre do fall. | |

Decembers husbandry.

Chap. 18.

1 When frost wil not suffer, to dike and to hedge,
then get thee a heat, with thy beetle and wedge.
Once hallomas come, and a fire in hall,
such slyuers do wel, for to lye by the wall.

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2 Get

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2 Get yt in dstone & whetstone, for tooke that is Dull,
or often be letted & great belly full.

A whelebarrow also, be sure to haue:
at hand of thy seruant, thy compas to saue.

Seruing of
cattle.

3 Giue cattle their fodder, in plot dry and warme,
and count them for myzing, or other like harine.
Pong coltes with thy wennets, together go serue:
least lurches by others, they happen to sterue,

4 The rack is commended, for sauing of dong,
so set as the old, cannot mischief the yong.
In tempest (the wind being northly or east)
warne barth vnder hedge, is a sucker to beast.

Housing of
cattle.

5 The housing of cattle, while winter doth holde,
is good for al such, as are feble and olde.
It sauerh much compas, and many a sleepe:
and trimly refresheth the walk of the sheepe.

6 For charges so little, much quiet is wonne,
if strongly and handsomly, al thing be donne.
But vse to vntackle them, once in a day,
to rub and to licke them, to drinke and to play.

7 Get trusty to tend them, nor lubberly squire,
that al the day long hath his nose at the fier.
Nor trust vnto children, pooze cattle to feede:
but such as be able, to helpe at a neede.

8 Serue rye straw out first, the wheat straw & pease
then Otes straw & barley, then hay if ye please.

But

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But ferue them with hay, while the straw stouer last:
then loue they no straw, they had rather to fast.

9 Rokes, forkes, and such other, let baily spie out,
and gather the same as he walketh about,
and after at leasure, let this be his hier:
to beath them and trim them, at home by the fier.

10 As well at the full of the moone as the change,
sea rages in winter, be suddenly strange.
then looke to thy marshes, if doubt be to fray,
of feare of (netorte) haue cattle away.

11 Both saltfish and lingfish (if any ye haue)
through shifting and drying, from rotting go saue;
Lest winter with moistnes, do make it relent:
and put it in hazard, ere ere it be spent.

12 Bloome fagot is best, to drie haberden on,
lay boorde vpon ladder, if fagots be gon.
For breaking (in turning) haue very good eye:
and blame not the wind, so the weather be drye.

13 Good fruit and good plentie, doth well in the lost,
then make thee an orchard, and cherish it oft.
For plaint or for stock, lay aforeshand to cast:
but set or remoue it, ere Christmas be past.

14 Set one fro other, full faggy foote wide,
to stand as he stode, is a parte of his pride.
More sauer, more worthy, of cost to remoue:
more ready ye set it, more likely to proue.

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15 To teach and vnteach, in a scholl is vnmeet,
to doe and vndo, to the purse is vnswete.
Then orchard or hoppyard, so trimmed with cost:
Should not thorough folly, be spoyled and lost.

Letting horses
blood,

16 Er Chyristmas be passed, let horse be let blood,
for many a purpose it doth them much good.
The day of S. Stephan, old fathers did vse:
if that do mislike thee, some other day chuse.

17 Looke well to thy horses, in stable thou must,
that hay be not foistye, nor chaffe full of dust.
Nor stone in their prouender, fether nor clots:
nor sedd with greene peason, for breeding of botts.

18 Some horskeeper, lasheth out prouender so,
some Gillian spendal, so often doth go.
For hoggs meat and hens meat, for that & for this:
that cozne loft is emptied, er chapman hath his.

19 If frost do contirme, take this for a lawe,
the strawberies looke, to be couered with strawe,
layd ouerly trim, vpon crotchis and boowes:
and after vncouered, as wether allowes.

20 The gilleflower also, the skilful do knowe,
do looke to be couered, in frost and in snowe.
The knot and the horder, and rosemary gay:
do craue the like succour, for slepyng away.

21 Go looke to thy Bees, if the hie be to light,
seeth water and honey, with rosemary dight.

which

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Which set in a dish, full of sticks in the hyue:
from famen and daunger ye saue them aliuē:

A digression to hospitalitie.

Chap. 19.



L Eaue husbandrie sleeping,
a while ye must do:
to learne of housekeeping,
a lesson or two.
What euer is lent thee,
by trauell and paine:
a time ther is lent thee,
to rend it againe.
Although ye defend it
vnspēt for to bee:
another shall spend it
no thank vnto thee.
How euer we cline
to accomplish the minde:
we haue but a time
therof profit to finde.

A discription of time and the yeare, Chap. 20.

O f god to thy doings, a time there is sent,
which endeth with time, that in doing is spent.
For time is it selfe, but a time for a time:
forgotten full soone, as the tune of a chime,

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A discription of life and riches.

Spring
Sommer
Haruest.
Winter.

In spring time we reate, we do sowe and we plant,
in Sommer get bittles, least after we want,
In haruest, we cary in cozne and the fruite:
in winter, to spend, as we neede of eche suit.

Childhode
youth.
Manhode.
Age.

The yeaere I compare as I find for a trueth,
the spring, vnto childhod, the Sommer to youth,
The haruest to manhode, the winter to age:
al quickly forgot, as a play on a stage.

Time past is forgotten, ere men be aware,
time present is thought on, with wonderfull care.
Time comming is feared, and therfore we saue:
yet oft ere it come, we be gon to the graue.

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VWho liuing, but dayly discernē it he may,
how life as a shadow, doth vanish away.
And nothing to count on, so suer and iust:
as suer of death, and to turne into dust.

The lands and the riches, that here we possesse,
be none of our owne, if a God we professe.
But lent vs of him, as his talent of golde:
which being demaunded, who can it withhold:

God maketh no writing, that iustly doth say,
how long we shall haue it, a yere or a day.
But leaue it we must (how so euer wee leaue:)
when Atrop shal pluck vs, from hence by the sleaue.

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To death we must stoupe, be we high, be we lowe,
but how, and how sodenly, fewe be that knowe.
What cary we then, but a sheete to the grane:
to couer this carkes of al that we haue.

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Vhat then of this talent, while here we remaine,
but study to yelde it, to god with a gaine.
And that shall we do, if we do it not hyd:
but vse and bestow it, as Christ doth vs byd.

What good to get ryches, by breaking of sleepe,
but (hauiug the same) a good house for to keepe.
Not onely to bring a good fame to thy dooze:
but also the prayer to winne of the pooze.

Of all other doings, house keeping is chiefe,
for dayly it helpeth the pooze with reliefe.
The neighbor, the stranger, and all that haue neede:
which causeth thy doings, the better to speede.

Though hardnes to this, we should euer among,
yet chiefly at Christmas of all the yeare long.
Good cause of that vse, may appeare by the name:
though niggerdly nigards do kicke at the same.

A discription of Christmas.

Chap. 23.

Of Christ cometh Christmas, y name to the feast,
a time full of ioy, to the greatest and least.

H. ii.

At

A discription of Christmas.

At Christmas was Christ (our sauour) borne,
the world through sinne, altogether forlozne.

At Christmas the day, doth begin to take length,
of Christ our faith, doth begin to take strength.
As Christmas is onely, a figure or trop:
so onely in Christ, is the strength of our hope,

At Christmas we banket, the riche with the poore,
who then (but the miser) but openeth his doore.
At Christmas of Christ, many Carols we sing:
and giue many gifts, in the ioy of that king.

At Christmas in Christ, we reioyce and be glad,
as onely of whom, our comfort is had.
At Christmas we ioy, altogether with mirth:
for his sake that ioyed vs all, with his birth.

A discription of apt time to spend.

Chap. 24.

L Et such (so fantastical) liking not this,
nor any thing honest, that auncient is.
Giue place to the time, that so meete we do see:
appointed of god, as it semeth to bee.

At Christmas, good husbands haue corne on y^e ground
in barne and in sollar, worth many a pound.
Things plenty in house, (besides rattle and sheepe)
all sent them (no doubt on) good houses to keepe.

At Christmas the hardnes of winter doth rage,
a grieper of al things, and specially age.

Then

Of apt time to spend.

29

Then lightly pooze people, the yong with the olde,
be sozeft oppressed with hunger and colde.

At Christmas, by labour is little to get,
that wanting the pozeft in daunger are set.
What season then better, of all the whole yere:
thy needy pooze neighbour, to comfort and chere.

Against fantastical scruplenesse. Cha. 25.

At this thing & that thing, soe make a great matter
some help not, but hinder & pooze with their clatter
Take custome from feasting, what cometh then last
wher one hath a dinner, a hundzed shall fast.

To dog in thy manger, some liken I could,
that hay will eat none, nor let other that would:
Some scarce in a ycare, giue a dinner oꝝ two,
nor well can abide, any other to do.

Play thou the good fellow, seeke none to misdeeme,
disdaine not the honest, though mery they seeme.
For often time seene, no moꝝ very a knaue:
than he that doth counterfeit, most to be graue,

Christmas husbandly fare. Chap. 26.

Good husband and huswife, now chiefly be glad,
things handsome to haue, as they ought to be had
The both do prouide against christmas do come,
to welcome their neighboꝝ, good there to haue some,

H. iii.

Good

Christmas Husbandly fare.

Christmas
country fare

Good bread and good drinke, a good fire in the hall,
brawnne, pudding & soule, and good mustard withall.

Biese, Mutton & porke, shred pics of the best,
p: g. beale, goose & capon, & Turkey well drest.
Cheese, apples and nuttes, ioly Carols to here,
as then in the countrey, is compted good there.

What cost to good husband, is any of this,
good houldhold prouision, onely it is.

Of other the like, I do leane out a meny:
that costeth the husbandman neuer a peny.

A Christmas Caroll of the birth of Christ,

vp on the tune of King Salomon,

Chap. 27.

WAs not Christ our Saniour.

sent vnto vs fro God aboue,

not for our good behauiour:

but onely of his mercy and loue.

If this be true, as true it is,

truely in deede:

great thanks to God to yelde for this

then had we neede,

2 This did our God for euery troth

to traine to him, the soule of man,

and iustly to perfourme his oth:

to Sara and to Abraham than,

that through his seede, all nations should,

most blessed bee:

As in due time, performe he would,

all flesh should see.

3 which.

Christmas Caroll.

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3 Which wonderously is brought to passe,
and in our sight al redy donne,
By sending as his promise was,
(to comfort vs) his onely sonne,
euen Christ (I meane) that virgins childe,
in Bethelaim bozne:
that lamb of God, that Prophet milde,
with crowned thorne.

4 Such was his loue to saue vs all,
from daungers of the curse of God,
that we stode in by Adams fall,
and by our owne deserued rod.
that through his blood and holy name,
to such as beleues:
And flye from sinne, and aboys the same,
free mercye he geues.

5 For these glad newes, this feast doth bring
to God the Sonne and holy ghost,
let man geue thanks reioyce and sing,
from world to world, from cost to cost,
for all other gifts so many waies,
that God doth send:
Let vs in christ giue God the praise,
while life shall end.
T. Tusser.

At Christmas be mery, and thankful with all,
a feast thy poore neighbours, the great with & small.
yea al the yere long, to the poore let vs giue:
Gods blessing to follow vs whiles we do liue.

Chap. 28.

Januaries abstract.

Chap, 28.

*A kinde good Ianuere,
Freeſeth por by the ſeere.*

*For gotten month paſt
do now at the laſt.*

1 *Wiſd Chriſtmas adew,
thy ſtock renew.*

7 *Let Doe go to buck,
with Conney good luck.*

2 *Who killeth a neat,
bath cheaper his meate.*

*Spare labour no; money,
ſtoze bozough with Cunney.*

*Flat, home fed ſcwe,
is good in a houſe.*

*Get warrenner bound,
to beruine thy ground.*

3 *Who daunties loue,
a begger ſhall proue.*

*Feede Doves, but kill not,
if loſe them, ye will not.*

*Who alwaie ſells,
in hunger dwells.*

*Dove houſe repaire,
make Dourhole faire.*

4 *Who nothing ſaue,
ſhall nothing haue.*

*For hop ground colde.
Dove dong worth golde.*

5 *Lay durt vpon heapes,
ſome profit it reapes.*

8 *God gardiner mine,
make garden fine,*

*When weather is hard,
get much out of yard.*

*Set garden pleaſe,
and beanes if ye pleaſe.*

*A fallow beſtowe,
wher pleaſe ſhall growe.*

*Set Keſpis and Roſe,
yong rootes of thoſe.*

6 *Go gather quickſet,
the yongest go get.*

9 *The timely buyer,
bath cheaper his ſyer.*

*Dig garden, ſtroy mallow,
ſet willow and fallow.*

10 *Some burnes without wiſe,
ſome ſyerles ſit.*

*Greene ſet as a ſtake,
in vanke they wil take.*

11 *Now ſeaſon is good,
to lop o; ſell wood.*

Prune

lanuaries abstract.

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| 12 | Prune tree some allotwes,
foz cattle to byowes. | 21 | Keepe bushes from bill,
till hedge ye will, |
| 13 | Geue sheepe to their fees,
the mystle of trees. | 22 | So bushes of mine,
if fence be thine. |
| 14 | Let lop be thorne,
that bindzeth cozne. | 23 | In stubbed plot,
fill hole with clot. |
| | Save edder and flake.
Strong hedge to make. | | Take foz thy turne,
their roots go burne. |
| 15 | Foz say as ye knowe,
let one bough growe. | 24 | Kid graffe of bones,
of sickes and ones. |
| | Nert yeare ye may,
that bough cut away. | 25 | Warne barth glue lammes
good soode to thetr dammes. |
| 16 | A lesson good,
to encrease moze wood. | | Looke daily well to them,
least doggs vndo them. |
| 17 | Howe ever ye shotch,
saue pole and crotch. | 26 | Pong lamb well solde,
fat lamb woorth golde. |
| 18 | From Christmas to May,
weake cattle decay. | 27 | Keepe twynnes foz breede.
as calves haue feede. |
| 19 | With bergis aquaint
poore bullock so saint. | 28 | One calfe ff it please ye,
now reared shall ease ye. |
| | This medicine apponed,
is foz to be loued. | | Calves likely rere,
at rising of yeare. |
| 20 | Let plaster lye,
thre dayes to trye. | | Calfe large and leane
is best to weane. |
| | To long if ye say,
taile rots away. | 29 | Calfe skit take away,
and house it if ye may. |
| | Calves ready to yeane,
craues ground rye cleane. | | This point I allowe,
say fornant and howe. |

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| <p>30 Calves yonger then other,
learne one of another.</p> <p>31 No danger at all,
to gild as the fall.</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">Yet Michel cryes
please butchers eyes.</p> <p>32 How ready to fare,
cranes huswives care.</p> <p>33 Leane sow but fine,
the better to theue.</p> <p>34 Weane such for stowe,
as sucks befoze.</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">Weane onely but thye,
large breeders to be.</p> <p>35 Lamb, bulchin, and pig,
geld vnder the big.</p> <p>36 Learne wit fir bolt,
in gelding of colt.</p> <p>37 Geld pong thy felly,
else perissh will ginny.</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">Let gelding alone,
of large of bone.</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">By byethely titts,
seaw profite titts.</p> <p>38 Breede euer the best,
and do of the rest.</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">Of long and large,
take huswife a charge.</p> | <p>39 Good milch kow and sound,
yeldes perely a pound.</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">Good saring sow,
holds profit with kow.</p> <p>40 Who keeps both twaine,
the more may gaine.</p> <p>41 Thy garden twyfallow,
drop hemlock and mallow,</p> <p>42 Like practice they prone,
that hops do lone.</p> <p>43 Sow make and wand in,
trim bolwer to stand in.</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">Leane wadling about,
til arbor be out.</p> <p>44 Who now sowes otes,
gets gold and grots.</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">Who sowes in May,
gets little that way.</p> <p>45 Go breake vp land,
get mattocke in hand.</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">Stub, rote so tough,
so breaking of plough.</p> <p>46 What greater crime,
then losse of time.</p> <p>47 Smal profit is found,
by peeling of ground.</p> <p>48 Land past the best,
cast vp eye rest.</p> |
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Get pulling hooke (firs)
for byome and firs.

Black byome, byome still,
Cut byome, byome kill.

Byome pluckt by and by.
breaks up for rye.

Friend ringle thy hog,
or looke for a dog.

In casting proude.
for seve lay aside,

Get dong friend mine,
for stock and vine.

If earth be not soft.
go dig if a loft.

For quamier get bootles,
and alders and rootes.

Hop poles war skant,
for poles mo plant.

Set chestnut and walnut,
set filberd and smalnut.

Deach, plumtree and cheary.
pong bay and his bery.

Do set there stane,
inset leane out none.

Sowe kirkels to beare,
of apple and pear.

All trees that beare come,
set now as they come,

And set or remoue,
what fruite ye lone.

¶ Of trees or fruites to be set or
remoued.

- 1 Appelle trees of al sortes.
- 2 Apricoches
- 3 Barberies
- 4 Boulette black and white
- 5 Cherries, red and black
- 6 Chestnuts
- 7 Cornet plums
- 8 Damisens white and black
- 9 Filberts, red and white
- 10 Goose berries
- 11 Grapes whit and red
- 12 Grene or gras plums
- 13 Hurtle berries
- 14 Medlers or martles
- 15 Mulbery
- 16 Peaches whit and red
- 17 Peares of all sortes
- 18 Perareplums blak & yelow
- 19 Quince trees
- 20 Raspis
- 21 Rellons
- 22 Small nuts
- 23 Strawberryes red and whit
- 24 Service trees
- 25 Wallnuts
- 26 Wardens, white and red
- 27 Wheat plums

How set ye may,
the bor and bay.
daythorne and yrm,
for clothes trim.

All. When

Ianuaries Husbandry.

Chap. 29.

VVhen Christmas is ended, bid feasting adue,
go play the good husband, thy stocke to renewe
be mindfull of rearing, in hope of a gaine
Daine profit shall giue thee, reward for thy paine.

2 Who, both by his calfe and his lamb will be knowne
may well kil a neate, and a sheepe of his owne,
and he that will reare by, a pig in his house:
hath cheaper his baken, and sweeter his sowse.

3 Who eateth his beale, pig & lamb being froth,
shall twice in a weeke, go to bead without broth,
Unskilfull that pas not, but sel away sell:
shall neuer haue plainty where euer they dwell,

4 Be greedy in spending, and carles to saue,
and shortly be needy, and ready to craue.
be wilfull to kil, and unskilfull to stoze,
and looke not for frozen, I tell thee before,

5 Lay dyrt vpon heapes, fayer yard to be seene,
if frost will abide it, to field with it cleene.
In winter a fallow, some loue to bestowe,
where pease for the pot, they entend for to sowe.

6 In making or mending, as needeth thy ditch,
get set to quick set it, learne cunningly which.
In hedging (wher clay is) get stake as ye knowe,
of popeler and willow, for fewel to growe.

7 Leave

7 Leauē killing of Cunnep, let doo go to burth,
and vermine thy burrow, for feare of ill kitch,
Fede Doue (no more killing) old Doue house repaire
saue doue dong for hopyard, whē house ye make faire

8 Dig garden, stroy mallow, now may ye at ease,
and set (as a dainty) thy runcifall peas.
Go cut and set roses, chuse aptly the plot,
the rootes of the pongest, are best to be got.

9 In time go and bargaine, least woxer do fall,
for fewel, for making, for carriage and all.
To buy at the stub, is the best for the buyer:
more timely prouision, cheaper the fier.

Timely prouision.

10 Some burneth a lode at a time in his hall,
some neuer leauē burning, tel burnt the hane all.
Some making of hauock, with out any wit:
make many pooze soules, with out fier to sit.

11 If frost do continue, this lesson doth well,
for comfort of cattle, the fewel to sell.
From euery tree, the superfluous boowes,
now prune for thy neate, therupon to go broowes.

Pruning of trees.

12 In pruning and trining, al maner of trees,
relerue to eache cattle, their properly fees.
If snowe do continue, sheepe hardly that fare:
crauenmisse and Iupe, for them for to spare.

13 Now lop for thy fewel, old pollenger growen,
that hinders the cozne, or the grasse to be mowen.

Ianuaries Husbandry.

In lopping and selling, saue edder and stake:
thine hedges as needeth, to mend or to make.

14 In lopping old Iocham for sair of mishap,
one bough stay vnlopped, to cherish the sap.
The second ye are after, then boldly ye may:
for dipping his felowes, that bough cut away.

15 Lop popler, and salow, elme, maple, & pye,
wel saued from cattle, till Sommer to lye,
So far as in lopping, their tops ye do flinge:
so far without planting, yong coppe wil springe.

16 If hoppard or orchard, ye mind for to haue,
for hoppoles, and crotches, in lopping go saue
which husbandly spared, may serue at a push:
and stop, by so hauing, tow gaps with a bush.

17 From Christmas till May, be wel entered in,
some cattle war fainte, and looke poozely & thin.
and chiefly, when prime grasse at first doth appeare:
then most is the daunger, of al the whole yeare.

18 Take vergis and heate it, a pint for a kow,
bay salt, full a hand to rub tongue & wot how.
That done, with the salt, let her drinke of the rest:
this many times raiseth the feeble by best.

19 Dooze bullock with browling, & naughtely fed,
sharle feedeth, her teeth be so loose in her hed.
then slye ye the taile, where ye feele it so soft:
with soote and with garlick, bound to it a loft.

20 By brembles and bushes, in pasture to full,
pooze sheepe bee in daunger, and loseth their will.
Now therfore thine ewe, vpon lamming so neere,
desiereth in pasture, that all may be cleere.

21 Leauē grubbing or pulling, of bushes (my sonne)
till timely by senses, requier to be donne.
Then take of the best, for to furnishe thy turne,
and home with the rest, for the fier to burne.

22 In every grene, if the fence be not thine,
now stub vp the bushes, the graze to be thine.
Least neighbour do dayly, so make them beline:
that neither thy bushes, nor pasture can thine.

Stubbing of
greene.

23 In ridding of pasture, with turnes to doe.
fyl every hole up, as thou art to see.
The labour is little, the profit is gayer:
what euer the loytering laborers saue.

24 The sickes & the shes, go and gather vp clede,
for hurting of flesh, or for harming of geene.
For feare of hew prouler, get home with the rest,
when frost is at hardin, then carriage is best.

25 Bofing some of good pasture, thy ewes do require
warne dary, & what thou, thy lambs do desire.
Looke often well to them, for foxes and dogs,
for pitts & for brembles, for vermin and hoggs.

26 More dainty the lamb, the more worth to be solde
the sooner the better, for eate that is old.

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But if ye do mind to haue milk of the dame,
til May, do not seuer the lamb fro the same.

27 Caws verely by twinning, rich masters do make,
the lamb of such twinners, for breeders go take.

For twinlings be twiggers, encrease for to bring,
though some for their twiggung, Peccantem may sing.

28 Calues likely that come betwene Christmas, let
take huswile to rete, or else after repent.

Of such as do fall betwene hange and the pinner
no rering, but sell or go kill them in time.

29 Doulc calfe, and go locke it twice in a daye,
and after a while, let it water and hape.

Stake ragged to rub on, no such as will bend;
then weane it well seased, at six dayes end.

30 The senior meened, his yonger shall teache,
both how to drink water, and hay for to reche.

More stroken and made of, when ought it do, pyle,
more gently ye make it, for poke or the paille.

31 Geld bulcasse, and ram lamb, as soone as the fall,
for therin is lightly, no daunger at all.

Some spareth the ton, for to pleasure the eye,
to haue him now greaser, when butcher shall buy.

32 Sowes ready to farrow, this time of the yeare,
are for to be made of, and counted full dere.

For now is the losse of a fawe of the sow,
more great then the losse, of ten values of thy how.

Januaries Husbandry.

35

33 Of one sowe together, reere fewe aboue fiue,
and those of the fairest, and likeliest to thriue.
Ungelt of the best, keepe a couple for stoz:
one boze pig and sowe pig, that sucketh befoze.

34 Who hath a desire to haue stoz very large,
at whitson tide let him giue huswife a charg,
To reere of a sowe at once, onely but thzee:
and one of them also a boze let it bee.

It was to
haue large
breed of
hogs.

35 Geld vnder the damme: within fortnight at least,
and saue both thy mony, and life of the beast.
Geld later with gilders as many one do:
and looke of doozen, to geld away two.

36 Thy coltes for the saddle, geld yong to be light,
for cart do not so, if thou iudgest a right.
Nor geld not, but when they be lusty and fat:
for their is a point to be learned in that.

37 Geld fillies (but titts) ere an ix. daies of age,
they die else of gelding, or gelders do rage.
yong fillies so likeli, of bulk and of bone:
keepe such to be breeders, let gelding alone.

38 For gaining a trifle, sell neuer thy stoz,
what ioy to acquaintance, what pleasur eth moze.
the larger of body, the better for breede:
moze forward of growing, the better the speede.

39 Good milchcow well fed, that is faier and sound,
is yerely for profit, as good as a pound.

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and

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and yet by the yere haue I proued oꝛ now:
as good to the purse is a sowe as a kow.

40 Keepe one and keepe both, with as little a cost,
then al shalbe saued, and nothing be lost.
Both hauing together what profit is caught:
good huswifs (I warrant ye) neede not be taught.

41 Thy garden plot lately, wel trenched and muckt,
would now be twyfallowd, the mallowes out pluckt
wel clesed and purged, of roote and of stone:
that fault therein afterward, found may be none,

42 Remember thy hop yard, if season be drye,
now dig it and weede it, and so let it lye.
More fenny the layer, the better his lust,
Most apt to beare hops, when it crumbles like dust,

43 To arboꝛ begunne, and quick settet about,
no poeling noꝛ waddling, till set be far out.
For Rotten and aged, may stand for a sheaw,
but hold to their tacing, they cannot but feaw.

Sowing of
Dreg.

44 In Ianuary, husband that pouceth the grotes,
will bzeake vp his lay, oꝛ be sowing of otes.
Otes sown in Ianuere, lay by the wheat:
in May, by the hay, for the cattle to eat.

45 Let seruant be ready with mattock in hand,
to stubb out the bushes, that noyeth the land.
And cumbersome rootes, so anoying the plough:
turne byward their arses, with soꝛow ynough.

46 Who

46 Who breaketh bp tinely, his fallow oꝝ lay,
sets forward his husbandry, many a way,
this tilth is a tilture, well forward doth bzing,
not onely thy tyllage, but al other thing.

Breaking
bp lay.

47 Some breaking bp lay, soweth otes to begin,
to suck out the moisture, so sower therein.
yet otes with her sucking, a peeler is found:
and ill to the maister, and worse to sum ground.

48 Land arable, dreuen oꝝ woꝝne to the prooffe,
and craueth some rest, foꝝ thy profits behoofe.
with otes ye may sowe it, the sooner to grasse:
and so to good profit, to bzing it to passe.

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Chap. 30.

*Feb. fill the dike,
with what ye like.*

*Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.*

1 To coltman ride,
lent stufte to pꝛouide.

5 Sowē kirkels and halwe,
where ridge ye did draue.

2 Sowē now ye may,
beanes, peason gray.

6 Sowē hemp to kill weede,
sowē mustard seeds.

Kepe whight bn sowne,
till moꝝe be knowne.

Wher setts do growe,
see nothing ye sowe.

Where clods great fall,
there harrow ye shall.

7 Cut vines and osser,
plash hedge of encloster.

4 Stick bowes arowe,
where rouncials growe.

Feede highly thy swan,
to loue her good man.

R. H.

P. H.

Februarie abstract.

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| <p>Best high I aduise,
least flood do arise,</p> <p>8 Land medow spare,
there dong is good ware.</p> <p>9 Dooze cattel craue.
some shift to haue,</p> <p>10 How little greueth,
that hardly leueth.</p> <p>11 Bid barley al now,
cleane out of the now.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The best thereout draw,
geue cattle that draw.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The residue thou shalt,
lay safe to dry malt.</p> <p>12 So strike at the nowles.
of deluing nowles</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Such hillocks in balne,
lay leueled plaine.</p> <p>13 To wet the land;
let molll hill stand.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Trench meadow and redge,
dike quickset and hedge.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">To plots not till.
ad byemle and hull.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Let wheat o: else rye,
for theger full ye.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Such straw ye may saue,
for thecher to haue.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dooze Cunnis so bagged,
is lone ouer lagged.</p> | <p>Plash borow, set clapper,
for dog is a snapper.</p> <p>Good sight who lous,
must feede their bones</p> <p>Bid hatwking adew,
cast hatwke into mew.</p> <p>Keepe sheepe out of briers,
keepe beest out of miers.</p> <p>Keepe lambs from sor,
else sheapheard go bor.</p> <p>Good neighbour mine,
now yoke thy swine.</p> <p>Now euery day,
set hops ye may.</p> <p>Now set for thy pot,
best herbes to be got.</p> <p>For flowers go set,
All sortis ye can get.</p> <p>As winter doth prone,
so may ye reirous.</p> <p>For all the yere,
Now al thing yere.</p> <p>Watch ponds go looke,
to wecles and hooke.</p> <p>Knauis seldome repent,
to scale in lent.</p> <p>Als fish they get,
that cometh to net.</p> |
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Now timely for lent stuff, thy money disburse,
the longer ye tary for profit the worse.
if one peny vantage be therein to saue:
of costeman or Flemming be sure to haue.

2 Go plow in the stubble, take timely this season,
be sowing of fatches, of beanes & of peason.
Now, sooner ye sowe them, the sooner the room:
and better for household, the fill vp a room.

Sowing of
peason.

3 Go harrow the peason, ye buried so deepe,
least cold do compell them, for ever to sleepe.
O? thistles so many (that comber some weede)
wher clay hath the mastrie, come vp in their stede.

4 Strick plenty of bows, among cruncifall pease,
to clumber theron and to braunche at their ease.
So doing more tender and greater the wer:
if peacock and turkey, leaue gobbing their becks.

5 Now sow & go harrow (where redge ye did draw)
the seede of the bremble, with kurnell and haw.
which covered ouer lye, soone to shut oute,
go see it be ditched and fenced about.

6 Where bankes be amended, and newly vp cast.
sowe mustard seed, after a shower be past.
where plots full of nettles, be noysome to eye:
sowe therupon hempleed, and nettle will dye.

Sow hemy
seeds in May

7 The vines and the osiers, cut and go set,
if grape be vnpleasant, a better go get.

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7 fede swan and go make her vp strongly a nest:
for feare of a floode, good and high is the best.

8 Land meadow that perely is spared for hay,
now fence it and spare it, and dong it ye may.
get mowleketcher, cunningly mowle for to kill,
and harrow and cast abroad euery hill.

9 Where medow or pasture may yeld the good haye,
let mowel be dispatched some maner of waye,
Then cast a brode mowihyl, as flat as ye can:
for many comodities following than,

10 If pasture by nature, is geuen to be wet,
then bare with the mowelhill, though thick it be set:
that lamb may sit on it, & so to sit dnye,
or els to lye by it, the warmer to lye.

11 Friend alway let this be a part of thy care,
for shift of good pasture, lay pasture to spare.
so haue you good feeding, in bulshets & leaze:
and quickly safe finding of cattle at ease.

12 Where cattle may run about, roeuing at will,
from pasture to pasture, pooze belly to fill.
there pasture and cattle, both hungry and bare:
for want of good husbandry, woꝛser do fare.

13 Now threshe out thy barley, for malt or for seede:
for bread coꝛne (if neede be) to serue as shall neede.
If woꝛke for the thresher, ye mind for to haue,
of wheat and of mesle in, vnthreshed go saue,

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March dust to be solde,
worth vnsoms of golde.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

1 Whit peason sowe,
share hungry crowe.

Good bearing hop,
climes vp to the top.

2 Spare meadow for hay,
spare marshes at May.

Keepe hop from sonne,
and hop is vndone.

3 What champton bleth,
woodland refuseth.

9 Hop tooles procure,
that may endure.

Keepe sheepe from dog,
keepe lamb from hog.

From crowe like a stake,
deepe hole to make.

If Fores moule them,
then nightly howle them.

A scraper to pare,
the earth about bare.

4 March drie or wet,
hop ground go set.

A hone to rasse roote,
like sole of a boote.

Pong rootes well dress,
proue ener the best.

Sharpe knife to cut,
superfluous gut.

Grant hop great hill,
to grow at will.

10 Who grafting loues,
now grafting proues.

From hop long gut,
away go cut.

Of euery suite,
most deintie fruite.

5 Here learne the way,
hop rootes to lay.

Graff good fruit all,
or graff not at all.

6 Rootes best to proue,
thus set I loue.

11 Graff soone may be lost,
both grafting and cost.

7 Recue space and rowe,
to hillock to come.

Learn here to take bid,
what counsaile doth bid.

8 Of hedge and willow,
hop makes her pillow.

12 Sow barley that can,
to soone ye shall ban.

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| Let horse keepe his owne, | 22 | Pong plants sene die, |
| till barley be sowne, | | that grow to ope. |
| Sow euen thy land, | 23 | In countrey doth rest, |
| with plaintifull hand, | | what season is best. |
| Sow ouer and vnder, | 24 | Good poore mans fare, |
| in clay is no wonder. | | is poore mans care. |
| 13 Straight solow the plough, | | And not to best, |
| and harrow enough. | | of soe and rest. |
| With sling or bowe, | 25 | Cause rooke and rancn, |
| go share away crowe. | | to seeke a new haucn. |
| 14 Roule after a deaue, | | Seld lambs now as, |
| when barley doth sheaw. | | freight as they fall. |
| Howe hant some to make it | | Looke twice a day, |
| to moue and to rake it. | | least lambs decay. |
| 15 Learne here ye may, | | Where horse did harrow. |
| best harrowing way. | | put stones in barrow. |
| 16 Make ready a plot, | | Do lay them bye, |
| for seedes for the pot. | | in heapes on bye. |
| 17 Best searching mindes, | | Let oren fat, |
| the best wayfendes. | | lose nothing of that. |
| 18 For garden best, | | How hunt with dog, |
| is south south west. | | byoked hog. |
| 19 Good tillih bying seedes. | | With doves good luck, |
| ill culture weedes. | | hen,goose,and duck. |
| 20 For sommer sow now, | | To spare a right, |
| for winter see how, | | spare March his flight. |
| 21 To let or solve, | | |
| learne time to know. | | |

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Some chikins pooze buttocks,
from pye, crowe & puttocks.

Some loue now best,
yong rabbits nest.

How knaues will steale,
pig, lamb, and beale.

Here learne to knowe,
what seedes to sowe.

And such to plant,
whose seedes do want.

Seedes and herbes for the Kytchen,

- 1 A Menns.
- 2 Betany.
- 3 Blects o; beets, white o; yelloſw
- 4 Bloodwoort
- 5 Buglas
- 6 Burnet
- 7 Burrage
- 8 Cabage remoue in June
- 9 Clarpe
- 10 Colewoort
- 11 Cresses
- 12 Endiue
- 13 Fenell
- 14 French Malows
- 15 French Saffron Set in Auguſt
- 16 Langbeſte
- 17 Leekes remoue in June
- 18 Lettis remoue in Maye
- 19 Long woort
- 20 Fluertwoort
- 21 Parigolds often cut
- 22 Percury
- 23 Spints at al times
- 24 Pep
- 25 Wyneons from Decēb. to March
- 26 Oach o; arach, red and white

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- 27 **Wallance**, at all times.
 28 **Perceley**, at all times.
 29 **Peneriall**.
 30 **Pymerose**.
 31 **Poyet**.
 32 **Rosemary**, in the spring time.
 33 **Sage**, red and white.
 34 **Saffron**, set in August.
 35 **Sommer sauerp**.
 36 **Sozel**.
 37 **Spennage**.
 38 **Suckerp**.
 39 **Slethes**.
 40 **Tanzle**.
 41 **Time**.
 42 **Violets of all sorts**.
 43 **Winter sauerp**.

¶ Herbes and rootes for sallets & sawce.

- 1 **Alexanders**, at all times.
 2 **Artichoks**.
 3 **Blessed thistle**, or **Cardus Benedictus**.
 4 **Cucumbers**, in Aprill & May.
 5 **Cresses** sowe with Lettice in the spring.
 6 **Endive**.
 7 **Mustard seeds**, sowe in p. spring & at Michaelmas.
 8 **Spurke myllion**, in Aprill and May.
 9 **Spintes**.
 10 **Purslane**.
 11 **Radish** and after remove them.
 12 **Rampions**.
 13 **Rokat**, in Aprill.
 14 **Sage**.
 15 **Sozell**.
 16 **Spinage**, for the summer.
 17 **Sea holge**.

18 **Spice**

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- 18 Sperage, let grow two yeares, and then remove.
- 19 Shirets. let these plants in March.
- 20 Suchery
- 21 Taragon. Aprill.
- 22 Violets.

¶ These buy with the peny.

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- 1 Capers.
- 2 Lemmans
- 3 Olives.
- 4 Drengis.
- 5 Kile
- 6 Sampires.

¶ Herbes & roots to boile
or to butter.

- 1 Beanes set in winter
- 2 Cabbegis sow in March, & after remove
- 3 Carrets
- 4 Cytrons sow in May
- 5 Cozdes in May
- 6 Panewes sow in June
- 7 Pompons in May
- 8 Perseneps in winter
- 9 Ronciffall pease set in winter.
- 10 Rapes sow in June
- 11 Turneps in March & Aprill.

Strovyng herbes of al sorts.

- 1 Bassel fine & brist. sow in May
- 2 Batolme set in March
- 3 Camamel
- 4 Costemary
- 5 Cansles, and paggles

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6 Dayles.

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- 6 Daylilies, of all kinds
- 7 Sweete fennell
- 8 Garmander
- 9 Flap set in februarye
- 10 Lauender
- 11 Lauender spike
- 12 Lauender cotten
- 13 Bargerō knotted, sow o2 set at p spling
- 14 Spawbelin
- 15 Penal rial,
- 16 Roses of al soyles in January & Septēb.
- 17 Red mints
- 18 Sage
- 19 Tanzey
- 20 Violets
- 21 Winter sauerie

¶ Herbes, branches and flowvers for
vwindovves and pots

- 1 Bayes sow o2 set in plants in January
- 2 Batchelers buttens
- 3 Botles, blew, red and sauney
- 4 Collembrines
- 5 Campions
- 6 Daffadondillies
- 7 Eglantine, o2 sweete byper
- 8 Ferberfew
- 9 Flower armour sow in May
- 10 Flower de luce
- 11 Flower gentle, whit and red
- 12 Flower nice
- 13 Gelyflowers, red, whit, and carnations, set in spling, and
Haruest in pots, pailles o2 tubs, o2 for lommert in tubs
- 14 Holiokes, red, whit and carnations
- 15 Indian eye sow in May, o2 set in slips in May
- 16 Lamender of al soyles

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- 17 Larkes foot
- 18 Laus tibi
- 19 Lillium cum balsum
- 20 Lillies, red and white, sow o; set in March, & September
- 21 Parigolds double
- 22 Pigella Romana
- 23 Pauncies o; hartseale
- 24 Paggles greene & yelloſe
- 25 Pinkes of al ſozts
- 26 Queenes gilliflowers
- 27 Rosemary
- 28 Roses of al ſozts
- 29 Snapdragons,
- 30 Sopps in wine
- 31 Sweete williams,
- 32 Sweete Johns
- 33 Star of Bethelens
- 34 Star of Jerusalem
- 35 Stock gilliflowers of al ſozts
- 36 Tuſt gelliflowers
- 37 Heluet flowers o; french Parig.
- 38 Violets yellow and white
- 39 Wal geliflowers of al ſozts

¶ Herbes to ſtill in ſommer.

- 1 Blessed thistle,
- 2 Betonye
- 3 Dill.
- 4 Endive,
- 5 Eye bright
- 6 Fennell
- 7 Fumetorie
- 8 Hop
- 9 Spints
- 10 Plantine
- 11 Roses red & damaske.
- 12 Spies

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- 13 Barefrage.
- 14 Strawberryes.
- 15 Sozel.
- 16 Suckerie.
- 17 Woodrofe for sweete
waters & cakes.

¶ Necessary herbes to grow in the
garden for Physicke, not reherced before.

- 1 Annis.
- 2 Archangel.
- 3 Betine.
- 4 Charuel.
- 5 Cingfile.
- 6 Cammin.
- 7 Dragons.
- 8 Betany, or garden ginger,
- 9 Cromel seed. for the stone
- 10 Hart Tongue.
- 11 Horehound.
- 12 Louage for the stone
- 13 Lycos.
- 14 Pandrake.
- 15 Pogwort.
- 16 Pyoness.
- 17 Poppye.
- 18 Rew.
- 19 Rubard.
- 20 Smalache.
- 21 Barefrage. for the stone.
- 22 Saun for the bottles
- 23 Stichewort.
- 24 Valerian.
- 25 Woodbine.

Thus endes in briefe.
of herbes the chiefe.

To get more full.
reade to home ye will.

Such moe to haue.
of this grace.

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VWhite peason both good, for the pot & the purse,
by sowing to timely, proue often the wurse.
Because they be tender, and hateth the cold:
proue Herch er ye sow them, for being to bold.

Sowing of
white peason

2 Spare meadow at Gregoz, marches at Dask,
for feare of dry sommer, no longer time ask.
Then hedge them & ditch them, bestow theron pence:
corne, meadow and pasture, ask alway good fence.

Spare en-
ting of me-
dow

3 Of Mastiues and nungrils, that many wee see,
a number of thousands, to many ther bee.
Watch therfore in lent, to thy sheepe go & looke:
for dogs will haue vittles, by hooke or by crooke.

Wane an eye
to sheeps
biter

4 In March at the furdest, drye season or wet,
hopp rootes so well chosen, let skilfull go set.
The goeler and ponger, the better I loue:
wel gutted and pared, the better they proue.

Setting of
hoppes

5 Some layeth them croswise, along in the grou:
as high as the knee: they doe couer vp round.
Some pricke by a sticke, in the mids of the same:
that little round hillocke, the better to fram,

6 Some maketh a hollownes, halfe a foote deep
with sower sets in it, set slant wise a steepe.
One foot from another, in order to lye:
and theron a hillocke, as round as a ppe.

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7 Five foote from another, eche hillock would stand,
as straight, as a leaued line with the hand,
Let euery hillocke, be fower foote wide:
the better to com to, on euery side.

8 By willowes that groweth, thy hopyard about,
and also by hedges, thy meadowes about,
Good hophath a pleasure, to climbe & to spred:
if soone may haue passage, to comfort her hed.

Hop tooles 9 Get crowe made of Iron, deepe hole for to make,
with crosse ouerthwart it, as sharpe as a stake.
A hone and a parer, like sole of a boote:
to pare away grasse, and to raise vp the roote

Grafting 10 In March is good grafting, the skilfull do know,
so long as the winde, in the east do not blow.
From moone being changed, til past be the prime:
for grafting and cropping, is very good time.

11 Things grafted or plained, the greatest and least,
Defend against tempest, the bird and the beast.
Defended shall prosper, the tother is lost:
the thing with the labor, the time and the cost.

*Sowing of
barley.* 12 Sowe barley in March, in Aprill & Maye,
the latter in sand, and the sooner in claye.
what wozser for barley then wetnes and colde:
what better to skilfull, then time to be bold.

13 Let barley be harrowed, finely as dust,
then wozkemanly trench it, and fence it ye must.

This

This season well plied, set sowing an end:
and praye and pray God, a good haruest to send.

14 Some rowleth their barley, straight after a raine Rowling of
Barley
when first it appeareth, to leauel it plaine.
The barley so bled, the better doth growe:
and handsome ye make it, at haruest to mowe.

15 Otes barley and pease, harrow after you sowe, Harrowing
for ye harrow first, as already ye knowe.
Leaue wheat little clod, for to couer the head,
that after a frost, it may out and go spred.

16 In March, April, & May, from morning to night, Gardening
in sowing and setting, good huswifes delight.
To haue in a garden, or other like place:
to trim vp their house and to furnish their place.

17 The nature of flowers dame phisicke doth sheaw,
shee teacheth them al to be knowne to a scaw.
To set or to sowe, or else sowne to remoue:
how that should be practised, learne if ye loue.

18 Land falling or lying, full South or south west, To know
good land
for profit by tillage, is lightly the best.
So garden with orchard, and hopyard I finde:
that want the like benefite grow out a kind,

19 If field to beare cozne, a good tillage doth craue,
what think ye of garden what garden would haue,
In field with out cost, be assured of weedes:
in garden be suer thou loest thy seedes.

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20 At spring (for the sommer) sowe garden ye shall,
at haruest (for winter) or sowe not at all.
Of digging, remouing, and weeding (ye see)
maks herbe the moze holesome; and greater to bee,

21 Time sayer, to sowe or to gather be bolde,
but set or remoue, when the weather is colde.
Cut all thing or gather, the Moone in the wane:
but sowe in encreasing, or giue it his bane.

22 Few fet do aske watering, with pot or with dish,
new sowne do not so, if ye do as I wilh.
Through cunning with dible, rake, mattocke & spade:
by line and by leauell trim garden is made,

23 Who soweth to lateward, hath seldoe good seede
who soweth to soone, little better shall speede.
Apt time and the season, so diuers to hit:
let ayer and layer helpe practise and wit.

24 Good peason and leekes, to make porredge in lent,
and pescods in July, saue fish to be spent.
Thole hauing with other things plentiful than:
thou winnest the hart of the laboring man.

25 Kill crowe, pie & cadow, rooke, buzard, and rauē
or els go desire them, to seeke a new haue.
In scaling the yongest, to plucke of his becke:
beware how ye climber, for breaking thy neck,

April

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Sweete Aprill showers,
Do spring Maye flowers,

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

1 Set hoptys pole,
make deepe the hole.

2 Some bringeth in gains,
some losse besides paines.

3 First bark go sell,
er timber ye sell.

4 Amne Cys, cant knowne,
With moze then thine owne.

5 Fence cople in,
er heluers begin,

6 Such Spittres fuch Pan,
fuch master fuch man,

7 The best ye knowe,
for stables let grow.

8 By fuch flottes,
poore Cys, it restes.

9 Crab tre prejerue,
for plow to serue.

10 Such fautes as thease,
good Dams will ease.

11 Get timber out,
er yere go about.

12 These fautes all ten,
abhoreth all men,

13 Pan, koto prouider,
wife dayre guidre.

14 A warning for Cysle,
for doing amysle.

15 Slut Cysle bytaught,
bath whitemeat naught.

Aprils Husbandry.

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Get into thy hopyard, with plenty of poles,
among those same hillocks, deuide them by doles.
Three poles to a hillock (I passe not how long)
shall yeelde thee moze profit, set deeply and strong.

But poles to
your hopyard.

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2 Sell

Aprilles Husbandry.

Felling of
timber

2 Sell barke to the Tanner, er timber ye fell,
Cut lowe by the ground, or else do ye not well.
In breacking, saue crooked, for mill and for shippes;
and euer in hewing, saue carpenters chippes.

3 First see it well fenced or hewers begin,
then see it well stabled, without and within.
Thus being preserved, and husbandly done:
shall sooner rayse profit to thee or thy sonne.

Staddling of
woods

4 Leauē growing for stables, the likest and best,
though seller and buyer, dispatcheth the rest.
In bushes, in hedgerowe, in groue and in wood:
this lesson obserued, is needefull and good.

5 Saue elme, althe and crabtree, for cart & for plough,
Saue stepe for a stee, of the crotch of the bough.
Saue hazell for foxkes, saue fallow for rake:
saue halnet and thorne, therof flayle for to make.

Discharge
thy woods

6 Make riddance of carriage, er yere go about,
for spoyle of plant, that is newly come out.
To carter (with oxen) this message I bring:
let oxen abrode, for anoying the spring.

Dayre
matters

7 From Aprill beginning, till Andrew be past.
so long with good huswife, her dayre doth last.
Good milchcow & pasture, good husband's prouide:
the residue, good huswives know best how to guide.

8 All huswife vnskifull to make her owne cheese,
through trusting of others, haue this for her lees.

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Her milk parr and creame pot, so slabberd and soft:
that buter is wanting, and cheese is half lost.

9 When some of a kow, do rayse perely a pound,
with such seely huswifes; no peny is found,
Then dayry maid (Cisley) her fault being knowne:
away a pace trudgeth, with moze then her owne.

10 Then neighbour for Gods sake, if any you see,
good seruant for dayry house, wayne her to mee
Such master such man, and such mistries such mayde
such husband and huswife, such howses araye.

¶ A lesson for dayry mayd Cisley of ten
toppings gests,

AS wife that will,
good husband please,

Hast honne with skill,
such gests as thease:

So Cysle that serues,
must marke this note:

What faure deserues:
a bzushed cote.

Geheze, Lots hus wife, and Argusses eyes,
Tom Wyper pooze Cobler, and Lazarus thyres.
Rough Elan with Ma woelin, and Gentles that scrall:
With Bishop that turneth, and burneth by all.

Ten topping
gests.

These toppingly gests, be in number but ten
as welcome in dayrie, as beares among men.
which being descried, take heede if you shall:
for daunger of after clapps, after that fall.

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| white and
drie. | 1 Geheze, his sickness was whitish and drie,
such cheeses good Cisle, ye floted to nie. |
| To salt. | 2 Leau Lot with her piller, (good Cisle) alone,
much saltnes in white meate, is il for the stone. |
| Full of eyes | 3 If cheeses in darrie, haue Argusses eyes,
tell Cisle the fault, in her huswiferie lyes. |
| Houen | 4 Tom Pyper, hath houen and puffed vp cheekes.
if cheese be so houen, make Cis to seeke creekes. |
| Tough | 5 Dooze Cobler he toggeth his leatherly trash,
if cheese abide togging, at Cisle a crash. |
| Full of spots | 6 If Lazer so lothsome, in cheese be espide,
let bayes amend Cisle, or let her aside. |
| Full of
heares. | 7 Rough Esau was hearie, from top to the fute,
if cheese so appeareth, call Cisle a slut. |
| Full of
whap. | 8 As Hawdelen wept, so would Cisle be drest,
for whey in her cheeses, not halfe yuough prest. |
| Full of gen-
tles. | 9 If gentils be skrawling, cal magget the pye,
if cheeses haue gentils, at Cis by and bye. |
| Burnt to the
panne | 10 Blesse Cisle (good maistres) þe bishop doth banne,
for burning the milke, of her cheese to the panne. |

Amend

Aprilles Husbandry.

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Amend so oft beaten,
for doing amisse,
I will no more threaten,
I promise thee Cysse.

Thus dayzie mayd Cyssey, reherfed ye see,
what fautes with ill huswife, in dayzie house bee,
Of market abhorred, to household a grieve:
to master and maistres, as ill as a thiefe,

Mays abstract.

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Colde Mays and a windy,
barne filleth vp finely.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last,

1 Put lamb from ewe,
to milk a feawe.

Let fyre be killed,
oz tree will be spilled.

2 Be not to bold,
to milk and sold.

7 Now thesers warne,
to ryd the barne.

3 Fve ewes allow,
to euery kow.

8 Be suer of hay,
till chond of May.

4 Sheepe wylgling fayle,
hath maddes without fayle,

9 Let sheepe fill slank,
where cozne is rank.

5 Beate in the reede,
as house hath neede.

In wood land euer,
in champion neuer.

6 Leane cropping from May 20
till Michelmas day.

To weeding alway,
as soone as ye may.

11 For

Mayes abstract,

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| 11 For coine here reede,
what naughtie weede. | 22 No longer tary,
out compas to tary. |
| 12 Who weeding slacketh,
good husbandie lacketh. | 23 Where neede both pray st,
there see ye lay it. |
| 13 Solue buck or bzanch,
that smells so ranck. | 24 Set Jack and Zone,
to gather by stone. |
| 14 Solue hemy and flax,
that linnen lacks. | 25 To graffe with calues,
take nothing to halues. |
| 15 Teach hop to clime,
for now it is time. | 26 Be sure thy neate,
haue water and meate. |
| 16 Thzough sowles & weedes,
pooze hop ill speedes. | 27 By saynting of ground,
destruction is found. |
| Cut of by crop,
superfluous hop. | 28 Now carriage get,
home fuelwell to set. |
| 17 The tyters or tine,
now take out fine. | Tell fagot and billet,
for filching gillet. |
| 18 Now letts do craue,
some weeding to haue. | 29 In sommer for fiering
let citie be buying. |
| 19 Now drayne as ye like,
both fenne and dike. | Parke colliers packing,
least coales be lacking. |
| 20 Watch Bees in May
for swarming away. | See opened sacke,
for two in a packe. |
| Both now and in June,
marke master Bees tune, | 30 Let nodding patch,
go siepe a snatch. |
| 21 Twy fallow thy land,
least plough els stand, | 31 Wile ye will,
now plie your wil. |

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32 Fine Bezell sowe,
in a pot to grow.

From beffar bul bid thee,
til Lammes doth bid thee,

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day.

Fine seedes sow now,
befoze ye saw how.

33 keepe ore from how,
foz causes enow.

From bull, how fast,
til Crowthmas be past.

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Chap. 37.

AT Philip and Jacob, away with the lambs,
that thinkest to haue, any milk of their dammes.
at Lammes leaue milking, for feare of a thing:
least (requiem eternam) in winter they sing.

2 To milk and to fold them, is much to require,
except ye haue pasture, to fill their desire.
yet many by milking (such heede they do take)
not hurting their bodie, much profit do make.

3 Five Cawes to a how, make a prooue by a scoze,
shall double thy dayry, els trust me no moze.
Yet may a good huswife, that knoweth the skill:
haue mixt oꝝ vnmixt, at her pleasure and will.

4 If sheepe oꝝ thy lamb, fall a wrigling with taylor,
go by and by serch it, whiles help may preuayle.
That barberly handled, I dare thee assure:
cast dust in his arse, thou hast finisht thy cure.

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5 Where

Mayes Husbandry.

5 Where houses be reeded (as houses haue heede)
now pare of the mosse, and go beat in the reed.
The iuster ye drying it the smother and plaine:
more handsonie ye make it, to shut of the raine.

Leane of
cropping.
Destroy
Iuyr.

6 From May till October leane cropping, for why,
in woode sere what so euer thou croppist will die.
Where Iuy embraseth the tree verpe soze:
kill Iuy, or tree else will addle no more.

7 Keepe threshing for thresher, till may be come in,
to haue to be suer, fresh chaff in the bin.
and some what to scamble, for hog and for hen:
and worke when it raineeth, for loytering men.

Count soze
no soze

8 Be sure of hay, and of prouender some,
for laboring cattle, till pasture be come.
And if ye do mind, to haue nothing to sterue:
haue one thinge or other, for all thing to serue,

9 Ground compassed well, and a following yeare,
(if wheat or thy barley, to rank doth appere)
Now eat it with sheepe, or els mowe it ye may:
for ledging and so, to the birdes for a pray,

weeding

10 In May get a weede hook, a crotch and a gloue,
and wede our such wedes, as the corne doth not leue,
for weeding of winter corne, now it is best:
but June is the better, for weeding the rest.

In swordes

11 The May weede doth burne, & thistle doth freate,
the spiches pul downward, both tye and the wheate.
The

The brake and the cockle, be noisome to much,
yet like vnto boddle, no weede there is such.

12 Slack neuer thy weeding, for derth noz for cheap,
the corne shall reward it, er euer ye reape,
And specially where ye do trust to for seed:
let that be well vsed, the better to speed.

13 In May is good sowing, thy buck or thy brank, Sowing of
brank
that black is as pepper, and smelleth so rank,
It is to thy land, as a comfort or much:
and althing it maketh, as fat as a buck.

14 Good flax a good hemp, for to haue of her owne, Sowing of
flax & hemp
in May, a good huswife, wil see it be sowne,
And afterward trim it, to serue at a neede:
the symble to spinne, and the karll for her seede.

15 Get in to the hoppyard, for now it is time,
to teach Robin hop, on his pole how to clime.
To follow the Sunne, as his propertie is:
and weede him and trim him, if oft go amis.

16 Grasse thistle and mustard seed, hemlock and bur, All neighbors
to the hopp.
tine, mallow and nettle, that kepe such a stir,
with peacock and turky, that nibbles of top:
are very ill neighbors, to seely pooze hop.

17 From wheat go and rake out, the titters or tine,
if eare be not forth, it will rise againe fine.
Use now in thy rye, little raking or none:
bzeake time from his roote, and so let it alone,

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weeding of
quickset

18 Banks newly quicksetted, some weeding do craue,
the kindest nurishment therby to haue.
then after a shower, to weeding a snatch:
more easely weed, with the roote to dispatch.

19 The fen and the quamer, so marriſh be kind,
and are to be draeped, now wyne to thy mind.
which perely bndrayned, and ſuffered vncut:
annoyeth the medowes, that thereon do but.

Swarming
of bees.

20 Take heede to thy bees, that are ready to ſwarme
the loſſe therof now, is a crowns worth of harme.
let ſkilfull be ready, and diligence ſeene.
leaſt being to careles, thou loſeſt thy beene.

Twifallows
ing

21 In May at the furdeſt, twy fallow thy land,
much growt may els aſter, cauſe plough for to ſtand.
this tiſth being donne, ye haue paſſed the wurt:
then aſter who ploweth, plow thou with the furſt,

22 Twy fallow once endid, get tumbrell and man,
and compas that fallow, as ſone as ye can.
let ſkilfull beſtow it, where neede is vpon:
more profit the ſooner, to follow thereon.

23 Hyde hedlong with muck, if ye will to the knees,
ſo dzypped and ſhadowd with buſhes and trees,
bare plots full of gales if ye plowe ouerthwart:
and compas it then, is a husbandly part.

24 Let chylzen be hyred, to lay to their bones.
from fallow as neede th, to gather vp ſtones.

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What wisdom, for profit aduiseeth vnto:
that husband and huswife, must willingly do.

25 To gras w thy calues, in some meadow plot nere,
wher neyther ther mothers, may see them nor here,
where water is plenty, and bath to sit warme:
and looke well vnto them, for taking of harme.

Forth to
grasse with
thy calues

26 Pinch neuer thy wennels, of water or meate,
if euer ye hope, for to haue them good neate,
In sommer time dayly, in winter in frost,
if cattle lacke drink the be vtterly lost.

27 For coueting much, ouer lay not thy ground,
and then shall thy cattle, be lusty and sound.
But pinch them of pasture, while sommer doth last:
and list at their tailes, er an winter be past.

28 Get home with thy fewel, made ready to set,
the sooner the easier, carriage to get.
Or other wise linger the carriage theron:
till (where as ye left it) a quarter be gon.

Get home
thy fewel

29 His fiering in sommer, let Citizens buye,
least buying in winter, make purse for to crye.
Far carman and collier, harps on a stringe:
in winter theye salt, to be with thee to bring.

30 From May till mid August, an hower or two,
let patch, sleepe a snatch, how somener ye do,
Though sleeping one hower, refresh th his song:
yet trust not hob growthed, for sleaping to long.

Sleeping
time.

Statting of
herbs.

Mayes Husbandry.

- 31 The knowledge of stillings is one preaty feat,
the waters be holefome, the charges not great,
what timely thou gettelt, while sommer doth last:
thynk wynter will help thee, to spend it as fast.
- 32 Fine hazel deffroth, it may be her lot,
to grow as the gelsflower, trim in a wor.
That ladies and gentels, for whom shee doth serue:
may helpe her as needeth, pzoze life to pzeuerue.
- 33 Keepe ore fra thy sowg to profic would go,
least cow be deceiued by ore doing so.
and thou recompenced, for suffering the same:
with want of a calfe, and a cow to wex lame.

Junes abstract.

Calme weather in Iune,
corne sets in tune.

Forgotten month pass,
do now at the last.

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| 1 | Wash sheepe for to share;
that sheepe may go bare. | 6 | Who goeth a borowling,
goeth a sowowling. |
| 2 | Though fleese ye take,
no patches make. | 7 | See cart in plight,
and all thynges right. |
| 3 | Share lambs no whet,
oz share not yet. | 8 | Shake dyre ouer head,
both houel and head. |
| 4 | If meadow be growne:
let meadow be mowne. | 9 | Of houel make stack,
with pcase on his back. |
| 5 | Plough early ye may,
and then carry hay. | 10 | Good stoz house needfull,
in ozder speedfull. |
| 6 | It is good to be knowen,
to haue of thin owne. | 11 | Thy barne repater,
make slower faster. |

Such

Tunes husbandry.

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- 12 Such thynge as maye doo 17 Hops thera the land,
in sommer destroye it as, with grauell and sand.
- 13 Swing bymbles and byakes 18 Dye rotten wood,
get forks and rakes, for hop is worth gold.
- 14 Spare bedlong same, 19 The sunne south west,
till her self come, for hopyard best.
- 15 Cast ditch and pond, 20 Hop plot once found,
to lay upon land, new dig the ground.
- 16 Whether hops will grow, 21 Hops sauerth male,
here learne to knowe, hops thynke both eale,
Hops many will come, Of hops more reede,
in a roode of raine, as time doth neede,

Tunes husbandry.

Chap. 32.

VVith sheepe (for y better) where water doth run,
and let him go cleyly, and dye in the sun.
Then shate him and spare not, at two daies an end:
the sooner the better, his corpes will amend.

Sheepe shat-
ing

2 Reward

Iunes Husbandry.

2 Reward not thy sheepe (when ye take of his cote)
with rishis and patches, as broade as a grote,
let not such vngentlenes, happen to thine:
least flye with her gentils, do make it to pine.

3 Let lambs go vnclipped, til June be half woone,
the better the fleeces, wil growe to be shone,
the Dye wil discharge thee, for pulling the rest:
the lighter the sheepe is, then feedeth it best.

Mowing
time.

4 If meadow be foreward, be moweing of some,
but mowe as the makers, may wel ouercome.
take heed to the wether, the winde and the saye:
if daunger appoche, then cock a pace crye.

5 Plough earely til ten a clocke, then to thy hays,
in plowing and carting, so profit ye maye.
By little and litle, thus doing ye win:
that plough shall not hinder, when haruest comes in.

6 Proud of thine owne, to haue al things at hand,
least worke and the workeman, vnoccupied stand.
Loue seldome to borrowe, that thinkest to saue:
for he that once lendeth, twice looketh to haue.

7 Let carte be well serched, without & within,
wel clouted and greased, er hay time begin.
Thy hay being carted, though carter had sworn:
carts bottom well boarded, is sauing of corne.

8 Good husbands, that lay to saue al thing by right,
for tymbrels and cart, haue a shed ready dyght.

where

where vnder the hog, may in winter lye warme,
to stand so enclosed, as wind do no harme:

9 So likewise a houel will serue for a roome,
to stack on the peason when haruest shall coom.
and serue thee in winter, moze ouer then that:
to shut vp thy porcklings, thou mindest to fat.

10 What husbandly husbands, except the bee fooles,
but handsom haue stozz house, for trinkets and tooles
And all in good order, fast locked to lye,
what euer is needfull, to find by and bye.

11 Thy houses and barns, would be looked vpon,
and al things amended, er haruest come on
Things thus set in order, in quiet and rest:
shall furder thy haruest, and pleasure the best.

12 The bushes & thorne, with y^e shrubbs that do noy,
in goodleere oz sommer, cut downe to destroy.
But where as decay, to the tree ye will none:
for daunger in woodlere, let harking alone.

13 At midsommer, down with the brembles & brakes
and after, abrod with thy forkes and thy rakes.
set mowers a mowing, wher meadow is growen:
the longer, now standing, the wurse to be mowen.

*Mowe down
brakes.*

14 Now down with the grasse, vpon hedlonds about:
that groweth in shadow so ranck and so stout.
But grasse vpon hedlond, of barley and pease:
when haruest is ended, go mow if ye please.

15 Such muddy deepe ditches and pits in the field,
that all adye sommer, no water will yeld.

Iulies Husbandry.

Shower the
ditches

By sieing and casting, that mudde vpon heapes,
commodities many, the husbandman reapes.

A lesson where and when to plant good Hopyard.

16 Whom fancy perswadeth, among other cōppes,
to haue for his spending, sufficient of hopps,
must willingly folow, of choyces to chuse:
such lessons approued, as skilfull do vse.

Naught for
hopp

17 Ground grauely, sandy, and mixed with clay,
is naughty for hops, any maner of way.
Or if it be mingled, with rubbish and stone:
for bryenes and barrennes, let it alone.

18 Chuse soile for the hop, of the rottenest mould,
well donged and wrought, as a garden plot should,
not far from the water (but not ouerflowne)
this lesson well noted is meete to be knowne.

19 The Sonne in the South, or els southly & west,
is ioy to the hop, as a welcomed guest.
But wind in the north, or els northly east:
to hop is as ill, as a fray in a feast.

Now digg
up new hop
ground.

20 Meete plot for a hopyard, once found as is told,
make therof accompt, as of Jewell of gold.
Now dig it and leaue it, the Sunne for to burne:
and afterward fence it, to serue for that turne.

21 The

Iunes husbandry.

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The praise of
hops

21 The hop for his profit, I thus do exalt,
it strengtheneth drink, and it fauoreth malt.
And being well brewed, long kept it will last,
and drawing abide, if ye drawe not to fast.

Iulies abstract.

Chap. 40.

No tempest good Iulie,
Least all looke rulye.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

Goe, sies and away,
to ted and make hay.

6 Thy fallow I pray thee,
least thistles be way thee.

If some drawes nye,
then cock apace crye.

7 Out of good wispe,
ripe beane with a knife.

8 Let hay stil abide,
till well it be dryde.

8 Ripe hemp out kull.
from karle to pull.

Hay made, alway carry,
no longer tarry.

Let scede hemp growe,
till moze ye knowe.

9 Who best way th. theth,
he best way th. iueth.

9 Some wood in wood saue,
for March to haue.

4 Two good hay makers,
twofth twenty crakers.

10 Get grist to the mill,
for wanting at will,

5 Let dalors about,
be mowen and had out,

So reape or pluck,
thy bank or buck,

See hay do looke greene,
see field be rakt clene.

Dryde flax get in,
for mayde to spin.

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Iulies Husbandry.

Chap. 41.

Day Harvest **G**OD muste thy seruants, be captain thy selfe,
prouiding them weapon, and other like pelfe,
Get bottles and wallets, keepe field in the heat:
the feare is as much, as the daunger is great,

2 With tossing and raking and setting on cocks,
grasse lately in swathes is hay for an ox.
That donne, go and cart it and haue it a way:
the battle is fought ye haue gotten the day.

**Day thy
tyethes.**

3 Day iustly thy tyethes, what euer thou be,
that god may in blessing, send foizen to thee.
though curat be bad, or the parson as euell:
go not for thy tiething, thy selfe to the deuell.

4 Let hay be well made, or auise else auous,
for moulding in goef, or of firing the house.
lay courlist asyde, for the ox and the cowe:
the finest for sheepe, and thy gelding alow,

5 Then downe to the hedlond, that groweth about,
leaueneuer a dalop, bnmowen and had out.
though grasse be but thin about barley and peas:
yet picked by cleane, ye shal find therein ease.

**Thy fallow
wring.**

6 Thy fallow betime, for destroying of weede,
least thistle and dock, fall a blooming and seede.
such season may chauce, it shall stand the vpon:
to till it againe, er an sommer be gon.

**Gathering of
garden beens**

7 Not rend of, but cut of, ripe beane with a knife,
for hindering stalke, of her vegetiue life.

fo gather the lowest, and leauing the top:
shal teache thee a trick, for to Double thy crop.

8 **W**ise pluck fro thy seed hemp, & fiemle hemp clene
this looketh moze yellow, the other moze grene.
vse ton for thy spinning, leaue Nighel the tother:
for shoothred and halter, for rope and such other.

Gather the
yelow hemp

9 **W**hile woormwood hath seed, get a bundle o:
to saue against march, to make flea to refraine.
where chamber is sweeped & woormwood is strown
no flea for his life, date abide to be known.

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woormwood
get against
flea & in
fection.

10 **G**et grist to the mill, to haue plenty in store,
least miller lacke water as many do moze.
the meale the moze yeldeth, if seruant be true:
and miller that tolleth, take none but his due.

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Chap. 42.

Drye August and warme,
Doth haruest no harme.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

1 Thy following womanne,
get compassing donne.

7 Goe gloues to reapers,
bloo home for scrapers.

2 In June and In aye,
swing byakes for a lawe.

8 Well doings who loueth,
these haruest pointes proueth

3 Ware saffron plot,
forget it not.

9 Pay God his part first,
and not of the wurll.

His dwelling made trim,
looke shortly for him.

That parson may,
tith carry away.

When haruest is gon,
then saffron count on.

10 Keepe cart gap wheele,
keepe hog from wheele.

4 A little of ground,
byings saffron a pound.

11 Go wite barley lesse cost,
ill mowen, much lost.

Keepe colour in drying,
well bled worth buying.

12 Keepe barley with hand,
that will not stand.

The pleasure fine,
the profit thine.

Let grene stand,
for making of band.

5 Now stricke by doom,
come haruest man come.

Bands made without deaw,
will hold but a seaw.

Take paine for a gaine,
one knaue marts twasne

13 Lay hand to find her,
two rakers to a binder,

Get reapers by day,
lest corne do decay.

14 Rake after sicthe,
and pay thy tierthe.

By great, is the cheaper
if trussie were reaper

Corne carryed all,
then rake it ye shall.

15 Let

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- 15 Let stock take sweate,
least gose take heat.
Yet it is best reason,
to take it in season.
- 16 More often ye turne,
more pease ye out spurne,
yet knowe them in,
er caridge begin.
- 17 Thy caridge plye,
while weather is drye.
- 18 Bid goeing clim,
goue lust & trim.
Lay wheat for seede,
to cum by at neede.
Seede barly cast,
to thyeth out last.
- 19 Lay pease vpon stack,
if houel ye lack.
- 20 And coher it straight,
from bones that waight.
- 21 Let gleaners gleane,
the poore I meane.
Which euer ye solve,
that first eat lowe.
The other forbare,
for reuen to spare.
- 22 Come home lord singing,
come cart, cozne byinging, *harrest home*
- 23 Be mery in hall,
let berds wag all.
- 24 Once had thy desier,
pay workman his hire
Let none be begilde,
man, woman, nor childe.
- 25 Thank God so ye shal,
and atue for all.]

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Chap. 43.

Thy fallow once ended, go stryke by and by,
both wheat land, & barley, & so let it ly.
and as ye haue leysure go compass the same:
when vp ye do lay it, more fruitful to frame.

2 Get downe w thy brakes, er an showers do com,
that cattle the better, may pasture haue som,

*Showing of
brakes*

In

Augusts Husbandry.

In June and in August, as well doth appere:
is best to mow brakes, of all times in the yere.

3 Dye saffron betwene the two S. Mary dayes,
or let or go shift it, that knowest the wayes.
What yere shall I doo it (more profit to yeld)
the fowerth in garden, the thirde in the field.

4 In hauing but forty foote, workmanly dight,
take saffron enough, for a Lord and a knight.
All winter time after, as practise doth teach:
what plot haue ye better for linnen to bleache.

Cozne
haruest

5 Make suer of reapers, get haruest in hand,
the cozne that is ripe, doth but shed as it stand.
Be thankfull to God, for his benefitis sent:
and willing to saue it, with earnest intent.

6 To let out thy haruest, by great or by day,
let this by experience, lead thee away.
By great, wil deceiue thee, with lingring it out:
by day will dispatch, and put al out of doubt.

7 Grant haruest lord more, by a peny or two,
to cal on his felowes, the better to do.
Geeve gloues to thy reapers, a larges to cry:
and dayly to lopterers haue a good eye.

Good haruest
points

8 Reape well, scatter not, gather cleene that is shorne.
binde fast, shock a pace, haue an eye to thy cozne.
Lode safe, cary home, follow time being faire:
goue iust in the barne, it is out of dispaire.

9 Cozne

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9 Corne tithed (Sir parson) to gether go get,
and cause it on shocks, to be by and by set.

Not leauing it scattering, abrode on the ground:
noꝛ long in the field, but away with it round.

10 To cart gap, & barne, set a guide to looke weele,
and hoy out (sir carter,) the hog fro thy wheele.
Least greedy of feeding, in folowing cart:
It noieth oꝛ perissheth, spight of thy hart.

Keeps hog
from cart
wheele.

11 The mowing of barley, if barley do stand,
is cheapest and best, foꝛ to rid out of hand.
Some mow it and rake it, and sets it one cocks,
some mowe it and binds it, and sets it on shocks.

Mowing of
barley.

12 Of barley the longest and greenest ye finde,
leauē standing by daks, till time ye do binde.
Then carely in morning (while dew is thereon)
to making of bands, til the dew bee al gen.

Binding of
barley.

13 One spreadeth those bands, so in order to ly,
as barley (in swathes,) may fil it thereby.
Which gathered vp, with the rake and the hand:
the follower after them, bindeth in band.

Spreading of
barley bands.

14 Where barley is raked (if dealing be true)
the tenth of such raking, to person is due.
Where scattering of Barley, is seene to be much:
there custome noꝛ conscience, tithing should grutch.

15 Corne being had downe, (any way ye alow)
Should wither as needeth, foꝛ burning in mow.

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Such skill appertaineth, to haruest mans art,
And taken in time is a husbandly part.

16 No turning of peason, till carridge ye make,
nor turne in no more, then ye mind for to take.
Least beaten with showers, so turned to dype:
by turning and tossing, the shed as they lye.

17 If weather be fayre, and tydie thy graine,
Make spedely carrydge, for feare of a raine,
For tempest and showers, deceaueth a meny,
and lingering lubbers, loose many a peny.

18 In gouing at haruest, lerne skilfully how,
er the graine for to lay, by it selfe on a mow,
Seed barley the purest, goue out of the way,
al other nigh hand goue as iust as ye may.

19 Stack pease vpon houell, abode in the yard,
to couer it quickly, let owner regard.
Least doue and the cadow, there finding a smacke:
with stormy ill weather, do perill the stacke.

20 Corne carred, let such as be pooze go and gleane,
and after thy cattle, to mowth it by cleane.
Then spare it for rowen, till Michel be past,
to lengthen thy dayre, no better thou hast.

21 In haruest time, haruest folke, seruants and all,
shoud make al together, good cheere in the hal.
And sil out the blacke boule, of bleith to theire song:
and let them be mery al haruest time long.

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22 Once ended thy haruest, let none be beggide,
please such as did helpe thee, man, woman, & childe.
Thus doing, with alway, such help as they can:
thou winnest the prayse of the laboring man.

23 Now looke vp to Godward, let tonge neuer cease
in thanking of him, for his mighty encrease.
Accept my good will, for a proofo go and trie:
the better thou thriuest, the gladder am I.

Corne Haruest equally denided Into ten partes.

- 1 One parte cast forth, for rent due out of hand,
- 2 One other part, for seede to sowe thy land.
- 3 Another part, leaue Person for his tieth,
- 4 Another parte, for haruest, sicke and sieth.
- 5 One part for ploughwrite, cartwrite, knacker & smith
- 6 One part, to vphold, thy teemes that draw therewith.
- 7 One part for seruant and workemans wages laye,
- 8 One part likewise, for filbellye, day by day.
- 9 One part, thy wife for needefull things doth craue,
- 10 Thy selfe and childe, the last one parte would haue.

Napery sope &
candle, salt &
sand, timber &
copper, bras &

P,ii,

VVho pewter,

Augustes Husbandry.

WHO mindes to cote, yet fermer may,
 vpon this note thanke god and say
 may easely fynd enough for yerely such good hap,
 what charge and paine wel fare the plough,
 to tittle gaine that sends enough
 doth follow toiling plough. to stop so many a gap.

*A brieve conclusion where you may see,
 Each word in the verse, to begin with a T.*

Chap. 44.

Triue for
 contriue.

THE thriftie that teacheth the thriuing to thriue,
 Teach timely to trauerse, the thing that thou triue,
 Transferring thy toying, to timelines tought,
 This teacheth the temperance, to temper thy thought,
 Take trusty (to trust to) that thinkest to the,
 That trustely thriftines, trowleth to thee.
 Then temper thy trauaile, to tary the tide,
 This teacheth the thriftines, twenty times tried.
 Take thankful thy talent, thanke thankfully those,
 That thriftely teacheth, thy time to transpose,
 Troth twise to the teached, teach twenty times, ten,
 This trade thou that takest, take thrift to the then.

Thee for
 thriue.

Thomas Tuffer.

¶ Mans age deuided, here ye haue,
By prentiships, from birth to his graue,

Chap. 45.

- 7 The first vii. yerres, bring vp as a child,
- 14 The next, to learning, for waxing to wild.
- 21 The next kepe vnder sir hobbard de boye,
- 28 The next a man, no longer a boye.
- 35 The next, let lusty, lay wisely to wiue,
- 42 The next, lay now or els neuer to thrine.
- 49 The next, make sure for terme of thy life,
- 56 The next saue somewhat for children and wife.
- 63 The next, be staied, giue ouer thy lust,
- 70 The next, thinke howe rely whither thou must,
- 77 The next, get chayer and crotchis to stay,
- 84 The next, to heauen, God send vs the way.

¶ VVho looseth their youth,
Shall rue it in age,
Who hateth the trueth,
In sorrow shall rage,

P. iij.

The

*An other diuision of the nature
of mans age.*

Chap. 46,

*The Ape, the Lyon, the Fox, the Asse,
Thus sets forth man, as in a glasse,*

<i>Ape,</i>	<i>Like Apes we be toying, til twenty and one,</i>
<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Then hasty as Lyons, till forty be gone,</i>
<i>Fox,</i>	<i>Then wilie as Foxes, till threescore and thre,</i>
<i>Asse</i>	<i>Then after for Asses accompted we be.</i>

*VWho plaies with his better, this lesson must know,
what humbles Fox to the Lyon doth owe,
Fox, Ape with his toying and rudnes of Asse;
Bringes (out of good hower) displeasure to passe,*

*Comparing good husband, with vnthrift his brother,
The better discerneth the tone from the tother.*

Chap. 47.

*All husbandry braggeth,
to go with the best,
Good husbandry baggeth,
Up gold in his chest.*

*All husbandry trudgeth,
with vnthrifts about.*

Good

Comparifon betweene &c. 58

Good husbandry fudgeth,
foz feare of a doubt.

3 All husbandry spendeth,
abzode like a mome.

Good husbandry tendeth,
his chargis at home.

4 All husbandry selleth,
his cozne on the ground.

Good husbandry fmelletth,
no gaine that way found.

5 All husbandry lofeth,
foz lacke of good fence.

Good husbandry clofeth,
and gaineth the pence.

6 All husbandry truffeth,
to him and to hur.

Good husbandry luffeth,
him felfe foz to fure.

7 All husbandry eateth,
himfelfe out a dooze.

Good husbandry meateth,
his frend and the pooze.

8 All husbandrie dayeth,
oz letteth it lye.

Good husbandry paeyth,
the cheaper to buye.

Comparifon betweene &c.

9 All husbandry lurketh,
and ſtealeth a ſleepe,
Good husbandry worketh
his houſhold to keepe.

10 All husbandry leeueth,
by that and by this,
Good husbandry geeueth
to every man his.

11 All husbandry taketh,
and ſpendeth by all,
Good husbandry maketh
good ſhift with a ſmall.

12 All husbandry prayeth,
his wife to make ſhift,
Good husbandry ſayeth,
take this of my gift.

13 All husbandry drowſeth
at fortune ſo auke,
Good husbandry rowſeth
him ſelfe as a hauke.

14 All husbandry lyeth,
in priſon for debt,
Good husbandry ſpieth,
where profit to get.

15 All husbandry wayes,
hath to ſeand what he ca

Good

Comparison betweene &c. 59

Good husband: y^e penite,
hath of every man

19 Ill husband: y^e never,
hath wealth to kepe touch:

Good husband: y^e never,
hath peny in pottich:

Good husband his boone,
Or request hath a farr.

Ill husband, as soone:
Hath a tode with an R.

A comparison betweene Champion
and severall. Chap. 48.

The country enclosed I prayse,
the tother deliteth not me,
For nothing the wealth it doth rayse,
to such as inferiour be.
Because of them both I do know,
I mind the rest somewhat to show.

2 There, swineheard that kepeth the hog,
there, neatherd with curre & his horne,
There, shepeheard with whistle and dog,
be fence to the medowe and corne.
There, horse being tyed on a baile,
is ready with thiese for to walke.

Champion

3 Where al thing in common doth rest,
Corne fielde, with the pasture & meade,

N. i.

Though

A comparison betweene &c.
Though commune ye do for the best,
yet what doth it stand ye in strade.
There commune as communers do:
as good els to cobbler a shoo.

4 What layer much better then there
or cheaper (theron to do well)
What drudgery moze any where,
lesse good therof, where can ye tell:
what gotten, by Sommer is seene,
that winter, not eateth vp cleene.

5 Example by Leycester here,
what soyle can be better then that,
For any thing hart can desire,
and yet doth it want ye see what.
Past, couert, close pasture, & wood,
and other things needfull as good.

Enclosure

6 All these doth enclosure bring,
experience teacheth no lesse,
I speake not to boast of the thing,
but onely a troth to expresse.
Example (if doubt ye do make)
by Suffolke and Essex go take.

Centrall.

7 Moze plentie of Hutton and biese
corne, butter, and cheese of the best,
moze wealth any where (to be brieve)
moze people, moze handsome & piest.
Where finde ye: (go search any coste)
than there where enclosure is most.

More

Comparison betweene &c. 60

8 More work for the laboring man,
as well in the towne as the field,
Of therof (Deuise if ye can)
more profit, what countreys do yeeld.
More seldome, where see ye the poore,
go begging from doore unto doore.

9 In Norfolk be behold the dispaire,
of tillage to much to be borne,
By drouers from faire to faire,
and others destroying the corne.
By custome and couetous pates,
by gappes and by opening of gates.

Champion
countre.

10 What speake I of communers by,
with drawing al after a lyne,
So noying the corne, as it lye,
with cattle, with sheepe and with swine.
When one hath bestowed the cost,
looke halfe of the same to be lost.

11 The flockes, of the Lords of the soyle,
doe yetely the winter corne wrong,
The same in a manner they spole,
with feeding so lowe and so long.
And therfore, that champion field,
doth seldome good winter corne yeeld.

12 More profit is quieter found,
(where pastures in seuerall bee)
Of one silly acre of ground,
Then Champion maketh of thre.

And,

Againe.

od A comparison betwene &c.

Againe what a toy is unknowne
when men be bold of their owne

Champion
Succrall

13 The tone is commended for graine,
yet bread made of beanes they do cate,
The tother, for one loafe haue twaine
of mastlin, of rye, or of wheat.

The Champion laeth fidd bare,
when woodland full mery doth fare.

Champion
Succrall

14 Tone, giueth his corne in a darrth,
to hezle, sheepe, and hog, euery day,
The tother, giue cattle warme barch,
and feed them with straw & with hay,
Corne spent of the tone so in baine,
the tother doth sell to his gaine.

15 Tone, barefoote & ragged doth go
and redy in winter to serue,
when tother, ye see do not so,
but hath that is nedfull to serue.

Tone, paine in a cage doth take
when tother, trim bowers do make.

16 Tone, layeth for tuffe & for sedge,
and hath it with wonderfull fure,
when tother in euery hedge
hath plenty of fellewell and fruite.

Guils twenty times worser then theaste,
enclosure quickly would eate.

17 In woodland the poore men hath que,
scarce fully two acres of land.

More

A Comparifon betweene &c. T 61

More merily line, and do ſame,
than tother, with twenty in hand.
Yet pay they as much for the two,
as thother for twentie muſt do.

18 The laborer coming from thence,
in woodland to worke any where,
(I warrant you) goeth not hince,
to worke any more, agayne there.
If this ſame be trewe (as it is)
why gather they nothing of this,

19 The pooze at enclosing be grutch,
becauſe of abuſes that fall,
Leaſt ſome man ſhould haue but to much,
and ſome againe nothing at all.

If order mought therein be found:
what were to the ſeueral ground,

Thus endeth Huſbandrie,

To

15 **T**o light a candell before the Deuill.

To heare thy foe shewes forth thy witt,
but helpes the matter nere a whit,

My sonne, it were not worst;
to frame thy nature so,
That as thine vsē is to thy friend,
likewise to greete thy foe.
Though not for hope of good,
yet for the feare of euill,
Thou maist find ease, so proffering vp
a candell to the deuill.

This knowne, the surest way;
thine enemies wrath to swage,
If thou canst currey fauour thus:
thou shalt be counted sage.
Of truth I tell no lye,
by prooofe to well I knowe,
The stubborne want, of only this:
hath brought full many lowe.

And yet to speake the trouth,
the Deuill is worse then naught,
That no good turne, will once deserue:
yet looketh vp so haught.
Exalt him how we please,
and giue him what we can,
Yet scarcely shall we find such Deuill,
a trusty honest man.

But where the mighty may,
of force the weake constraine.

It

To light a candell.

62

It shal be wpsely doone to bow,
to boyd a farther payne,
Like as in tempest great:
where wind doth beare the stroke,
Much safer stands the bowing reede,
then doth the stubbozne oke.

And chiefely when of all,
thy selfe art one of those,
That fortune needes, will haue to dwell:
fast by the Devils nose.
Then (though against thine hart)
thy tongue thou must so charme,
that togue may say, where ere thou comes:
the Deuill doth no man harne,

For where as no reuenge,
may stand a man in steede,
As good is then an humble speech:
as otherwise to bleede.
Like as ye see by him,
that hath a shrew to wife,
As good it is to speake her faire:
as still to liue in strife.

Put thou no Deuill in boote,
as once did master Shorne,
Take heede as from madde bayted bull:
to kepe thee fro his horne.
And where ye see the Deuill,
so bold to wrest with lawe,
Make conge oft, and crouch a loofe:
but come not in his clawe.

Q. iiii.

The

Before the Deuill.

The scholer forth of schoole,
may boldlier take his mind,
The fields haue eyes, the bushes eares,
false birds can fetch the wind,
The further from the gone,
the safer may ye skippe:
The nerer to the carters hand,
the nerer to the whippe.

The nerer to the whippe,
the sooner comes the ierke,
The sooner that poore brast is stricke:
the sooner doth he perke.
Some loueth for to whippe,
to see how ierkes will smart,
In wofull taking is that horse:
that nedes must drawe in cart.

Such fellow is the Deuill,
that doth euen what he list,
Net thinketh he what ere he doth:
none ought dare say, but whist.
Take therfore heed my sonne,
and marke full well this song.
Learne thus with craft to claw the deuell:
else liue in rest not long.

¶ A Sonet against a slaunderous tonge.

Doth darnell good, among the flowry wheat,
Do thistles good, so thicke in fallow spied,

Do

Do taint wormes good, that lurk wher ore should eat
 O: sucking Dzaues, in hyue where Bees abyde!
 Do hoznerts good, oz these same byting gnats!
 Foule swelling toades, what good by them is seene!
 In house well deckt, what good doth gnawing rats!
 O: casting mowles amonge the meadowes greene!
 Dooth heauy newes, make glad the heart of man!
 O: noysome smelles, what good doth that to health!
 Now once for all, what good (shew who so can)
 Do stinking snakes, to this our common welth!

No more doth good, a peuisish slaunderous tongue,
 But hurts it selfe, and noies both old and yong.

A Sonet vpon the Aucthors first vii.

yeares seruice,

SEuen times hath Ianus, tane newe yeare by hand
 seuen times hath blustering March, blown forth his
 (power,

To driue out Aprils buddes, by sea and land,
 For minion May, to deck most trime with flower.
 Iiij. times hath temperate Mer, like pageant plaied,
 And pleasant Aestas, eke her flowers told:
 Iiij. times Autumnes heate, hath bene delayed,
 With Diems boistrous blastes and bitter cold,
 Iiij. times the thirtene Moones, haue chaunged hew
 Iiij. times the Sunne, his course hath gone about.
 Iiij. times ech bird her nest hath buylt a new:
 Since first time you to serue, I choosed out.

Still yours am I though thus the time hath past,
 And trust to be, so long as life shal last,

R. i.

Man

Of wiuing and thriuing.

Man, minded for to thriue,
must wisely lay to wiue.
what hap may therby fall;
here argued find ye shall.

The Dialogue betwene two batchelers.

of wiuing and thriuing, by Affirmation
and Obiection,

Affirmation,

FRIEND, where we met this other day,
We heard one make his mone & say,
Good Lord, how might I thriue?
Wee heard an other aunswer him,
Then make thee handsome, trick & trim,
and lay in time to wiue.

Obiection,

And what of that, say you to me,
Do you your selfe thinke that to be,
The best way for to thriue?
If trouth were truly boulded out,
As touching thrist I stand in doubt,
If men were best to wiue.

Affirmation,

There is no doubt for proue I can,
I haue but seldome scene that man,
Which could the way to thriue?
Untill it was his happy lot,
To stay himselfe in some good plot,
and wisely then to wiue.

Obiec.

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Obiection.

And I am of an other mind,
For by no reason can I find,
How that way I should thriue:
For whereas now I spend a penny,
I should not then be quit to menny,
Through bondage for to wiue.

Affirmation.

Not so, for now where thou doest spend,
Of this and that, to no good end,
Which hindereth thee to thriue:
Such vaine expēces thou shouldest saue,
And daily then lay more to haue,
As others do that wiue.

Obiection.

Why then do folke this prouerbe put,
The black ore neare trod on thy foot,
If that way were to thriue:
Here out a man may soone pike forth,
Few feeleth what a penny is worth,
till such time as they wiue.

Affirmation.

It may so chaunce as thou doest say,
This lesson therefore beare away,
If therby thou wilt thriue:
Looke er thou leape, see er thou go,
It may be for thy profit so,
For thee to lay to wiue,

R.ii,

Obiec.

Of wiuing and thriuing.

Obiection.

It is to much we dayly here,
To wīue & thriue both in a pere,
as touching now to thriue:
I know not herein what to spye,
But that there doth small profit lye,
to fanlie for to wīue.

Affirmation.

In deede the first pere oft is such,
That fondly some beestoweth much,
A let to them to thriue:
Yet other moe, may soone be founde
which getteth many a faire pound,
the same day that they wīue.

Obiection.

I graūt, some getteth more that day,
Then they can easely beare away,
now needes then must they thriue:
what gaineth such think you by that
A little burden you wotte what,
through fondnes for to wīue.

Affirmation.

Thou seemest blind as mo haue bene,
It is not beauty bringeth in,
the thing to make thee thriue:
In woman kind, see that ye do,
Requier of her no gift but two,
when ere ye minde to wīfe.

Obiection

Of wiuing and thriuing.

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Obiection.

But two say you? I pray you than,
Shew those as bziely as you can,
if that may helpe to thziue:
I wene we must conclude anon,
Of those same twain, to want the ton,
when ere we chance to wiue.

Affirmation.

An honest huswife, trust to mee,
be those same twaine I say to thee,
that helpe so much to thziue:
As honesty farre passeth gold,
so huswifrie in yong and old,
do pleasure such as wiue.

Honesty and
huswifry

Obiection.

The honesty in deede I graunt,
Is one good point a wife should haunt
to make her husband thziue:
But now, faine would I haue you show
how should a man good huswife know,
If once he hap to wiue?

Affirmation.

A huswife good betimes will rise,
And order things in comely wise,
her mynd is set to thziue:
Upon her distaffe she will spin,
And with her needle shee will win,
If such ye hap to wiue,

R. iii.

Obiection

Of wiuing and thriuing.

Obiection.

It is not idle going about,
noz all day pricking on a clout,
Can make a man to thriue:
Or if there be no other winning,
but that the wife gettes by her spinning,
small thrist it is to wiue.

Affirmation.

Some more then this, yet doe they shall,
Although thy stock be very small,
yet will shee help thee thriue:
Lay you to saue as well as shee,
and then you shall enriched bee,
when such you hap to wiue.

Obiection.

If shee were mine, I tell thee trouth,
To much to trouble her I were loth,
For greedines to thriue:
Least some should talke as is the speech,
The good wines husband wears no breech
If such I hap to wiue.

Affirmation.

What hurts it thee, what some do say,
If honestly she take the way,
To help thee for to thriue:
For honesty will make her prest,
To do the thing that shalbe best,
If such ye hap to wiue,

Obiection

Of wiuing and thriuing.

66

Obiection.

Why did Diogenes say than,
To one that askt of him time whan,
were best to wiue to thriue?
Not yet (quod he) if thou be yong,
If thou wart old, then hold thy tong,
It is to late to wiue.

Affirmation.

Belike he knew, some shrewish wife,
Which to her husband made such strife,
that hindred him to thriue:
Who the may blame him for that clause,
though then he spake as some had cause,
as touching for to wiue.

Obiection.

Why then I see to take a shrew,
(as seildome other there be feaw)
Is not the way to thriue:
So hard a thing I spie it is,
the good to chuse, the shrew to misse,
that feareth me to wiue.

Affirmation.

She may in some thing seeme a shrew,
yet such a hushwife as but few,
to help thee for to thriue:
This prouerbe, looke in mind ye kepe.
As good a shrew is as a sheepe,
for you to take to wiue.

R. iiii.

Obiection

Of wiuing and thriuing.

Obiection

Now be shee lambe oz be shee eaw,
Giue me þ shepe, take thou þ sheaw,
See which of vs shall thriue:
If shee bee sheaw with thinke for troth
For all her thrist, I would be loth,
to match with such to wiue.

Affirmation.

Tush, farewell then I leane you of,
Such fooles as you, that loue to scof,
Shal seldome wiue to thriue:
Contrary her as you do mee,
And then ye shal I warrant yee,
repent ye, if ye wiue.

Obiection.

Friend, let vs both giue iustly place,
To wedded man to iudge this case,
which best way is to thriue:
For both our talke, as seemeth plaine.
Is but as hapneth in our braine,
To will oz not to wiue.

*CVWedded mans iudgement,
vpon the former argument.*

Mediator **A**S Cock, that wants his mate,
goes rousing al about,
with crowing earely and late
to find his louer out.

And

Of wiuing and thriuing.

I

And as ponce fillen,
Long wanting Cock to guide,
Soone droopes, and shortly then,
beginnes to peake a side:
Euen so it is with man and wife,
(wher government is found)
the want of one, the others life,
Doth shortly soone confound.

In test and in earnest, here argued ye find,
that husband & huswife together must dwell,
And thereto the iudgement of wedded mans mind,
that husbandry other wise speedeth not well.
So, somewhat more now, I intend for to tell,
of huswiferie, like as of husbandry told,
how huswifely huswife, helps bying in the gold.

S. i.

FINIS.

The points of Hus-
wifrie, vnitd to the comfort of Husban-
drie, newly corrected and amplified with
diuers good lessons for householders to recreate
the Reader, as by the Table at the
end here of moze plainly
may appeare.

Set forth by Thomas Tuffer
Gentleman, 1576.

To the right honorable and my
speciall good Lady and Maistres, the
Lady Paget.

Though danger be mickle,
and fauour so sickle,
Yet dutie doth tickle,
my sense to wright:
Concerning how prettie,
how fine and how nettie,
Good huswife should pette,
from morning to night.

2. Not minded by writing,
to kindle a spiting,
But shew by enightning,
as afterward told:

How husbandry easeth,
to huswiferie pleaseth,
and many purse greaseth,
with siluer and gold.

3. For husbandry twerpeth,
where huswiferie sleepeth,
and hardly hoe creepeth,
by ladder to thrist:
That wanteth to hold him,
thrist's ladder to hold him,
before it be told him,
he fallen without thist.

The Epistle.

2

4 Least many should feare me,
and others so; sweare me,
of troth I do beare me,
Upright as ye see:
full minded to loue all,
and not to reynoue all,
but onely to moue all,
good huswifes to bee.

5 For if I should mindsome,
or deskant behindsome,
and missing to kindsome,
displease so I mought:
or if I should blend them,
and so to offend them,
what sir I should sende them,
I stand in a doubt.

6 Though harmles I make it,
and some do well take it,
if others so; take it.
What pleasure were that:
waught els but to paine me,
and nothing to gaine me,
but make them disdain me,
I wot ner so; what.

7 Least some make a triall,
as clock by the diall,
some stand to deniall,
some murmur and grudge,
geue iudgement I pray you,
for iustly so may you,
so sanly, so say you,
I make you my indge:

8 In time, ye shall try me,
by trowth, ye shall spy me,
so finde, so let by me,
according to skill:
how euer trees groweth,
the fruit, the tree sheweth,
your Ladship knoweth,
my hart and good will.

9 Though fortune doth measure,
and I do lack treasure,
yet if I may pleasure,
your honour with this:
then will me to mend it,
or mend ere ye send it,
or any where lend it,
it ought be amisse.

Your Ladships seruant
Thomas Tusser.

So. li.

The preface to the booke of Huswifery.

TAke weapon away, of what force is a man:
take huswife from husband, and what is he than.

2 As louers desireth, together to dwell,
so husbandry loueth good huswifery well.

3 Though husbandry seemeth, to bring in the gaires,
yet huswifery labours, seeme equall in paines.

4 Some respite to husbands, the wether may send,
but huswifes affaires, haue neuer an end.

As true as thy sayth,
Thus Huswifery sayth.

The praise of
Huswifery.

I Serue for a day, for a weeke, for a yeare,
for life time, for euer, while man dwelleth here,
For richer, for poorer, from North to the South,
For honest, for hardhed, or daintie of mouth,
For wed, & vnwedded, in sicknes and health.
For al that well liueth, in good common wealth.
For Citie, for countrey, for Court and for cart,
to quiet the head, and to comfort the hart.

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A description of huswife. and 3

Huswifery

Of huswife, doth huswifery challenge that name,
of huswifery, huswife doth likewise the same.
Where husband and husbundry toyneth with theale:
there welthynges gotten, is holden with ease.

The name of a huswife, what is it to say:
the wife of the house, to the husband a Bay.
If huswife doth that, as belongeth to hir:
if husband be wittie, there needeth no sir.

The huswife is she, that to labour doth fall,
the labour of hir, I do huswifery call,
If thrive by that labour, be sued or got:
then is it good huswifery, els is it not.

The woman, the name of a huswife doth winn,
by keeping hir house, and of doings therein.
And shee that with husband, will quietly dwell:
must thinke on this lesson, and follow it well.

FINIS.



Enstructions to Huswifrie.

Serue God is the first,
True loue is not wurst.

A Daily good lesson, of huswife in deede,
is God to remember, the better to speede.

2 An other good lesson, of huswifery thought,
is huswife with husband, to liue as shee ought.

VVife comely no grieffe,
Man out, huswife chiefe.

3 Though trickish to ser to, be gallant to wuar,
yet comely and wise, is the huswife to thriue.

4 When husband is absent, let huswife be chiefe,
and looke to their labour, that eateth her bieffe.

Both out, not allow,
keepe house huswife thou.

5 Where husband and huswife, be both out of place,
there seruants do lopter, and reason their case.

6 The huswife so named (of keeping the house)
must tend on her profit, as cat on the mouse,

Secke home, for rest,
For home is best.

7 As huswiues keepe home, and be stirrers about,
To speedeth their winnings, the yere throughout.

8 Though home be but homely, yet huswife is taught,
that home hath no fellow, to such as haue aught.

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Enstructions to huswifery

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Use all with skill,
aske what ye will.

9 Good vsage with knowledge, and quiet with all,
Make huswife to shine, as the sunne on the wall,

10 What husband refuseth, all comely to haue,
that hath a good huswife, all willing to saue.

Be ready at neede
all thine to feede.

11 The case of good huswiues, thus dayly doth stand,
what euer shall chaunce, to be ready at hand.

12 This care hath a huswife, all day in her head,
that all thing in season, be huswisely fed.

By practise go muse,
How howshold to vse.

13 Dame practise is shee, that to huswife must tell,
which way soe to gouerne, her family well.

14 Use labourers gently, kepe this as a lawe,
make childe to be ciuill, keepe seruant in awe.

Who carelesse do liue,
occasion do giue.

15 Haue enery where, a respect to thy wayes,
that none of thy tye, any slander may rayse.

16 What many do know, though a time it be hid,
at length will abrode, when a mischief shall bid,

No neighbour reproc,
do so to haue loue.

So. ill.

17 The

Instructions to Huswifrie:

17 The loue of thy neighbour, shall glad thee in neede,
the poozer, the gladder, to helpe at neede;

18 Use frendship with thy neighbour, els trust him in this,
as he hath thy frendship, so trust vnto his,

Strike nothing vnkind wher, on a thing that
take heede to thine owne.

19 Reueng not thy wrath vpon any mans beast,
least thine by like malice, be bidd to like fealt.

20 Whar husband prouideth, with money his budge,
the huswife must looke to, which way it hath frudge.

A digression.

NOW out of the matter, this lesson I ad,
concerning cock crowing, what profit is had,
experience teacheth, as true as a clock:
how midnight passeth, by marking the cock.

Cock croweth at midnight, times few aboue six,
with pause to his neighbour, so aunt were betwix,
at thre a clock thicker, and then as ye know:
like all in to Mattens, nere day they do crow.

At midnight, at thre, and an hower ere day,
they vtter their language, as well as they may,
which who so regardeth, what counsell they give:
will better knowe the time, as long as they liue.

Cock crows
ing.

For being frayd,
Take heede good mayd;
Marke crowing of cock,
for feare of a knock.

Cocke crowing.

¶ The first cocke croweth.

Howe, dame it is midnight, what rumbling is that?

The next cocke sheweth.

Take herde to false harlots, and moze ye wot what,

If noyse ye do here,
looke all thinges be cleare.

Least drabs do noy thee,
and theeues destroye thee.

¶ The first cocke croweth.

Mayds thre a clock, kned, lay your bucks, oz go brew

The next cock sheweth.

And cobble and botch, ye that cannot buy new.

Both mayden and man,
mend now what ye can.

Leaue gibber gabber,
mend slobber slobber.

¶ The first cock croweth.

Fast sine a clock, holla: mayd sleeping beware,

The next cock sheweth.

Least quickly your mistres vncover your bare,

Mayd vp I besech you,
least mistres do breech you.

To worke and away,
as fast as ye may.

¶

Now

Huswifery.

Now listen good huswives, what doings are
here, set out for a day as it should for a yere.

No sooner some vp,
but nose is in cup.

Get vp in the morning, as soone as thou wilt,
with ouer long slugging, good seruam is spilt.

2 Some slouens from sleeping, no sooner be vp,
but hand is in aumbrie, and nose in the cup.

That early is donne,
count huswifely wonne,

Morning
wores

3 Some worke in the morning, may trimly be donne,
that all the day after, can hardly be worne.

4 Good husband without, is it needfull there be?
good huswife within, is as needfull as he.

Cast dust into yard,
and spin and go card.

5 Sluts corners auoyded, shall further thy helth,
much time about trifles, shall hinder thy welth.

6 Set some to peepe hemp, or els reshis to twine,
to spin and to card, or to seething of bine.

Grind malt for drinke,
see meat do not stinke.

7 Set some about cattle, some pasture to bewe,
some malt to be grinding, against ye do brew.

8 Some cozneth, some bzineth, soe will not be taught,
where meat is attainted, there cookery is naught.

Huswifery.

6

To breakfast that come,
giue cry one some.

9 Call seruants to breakfast, by day star appeare,
a snatch and to worke fellowes, tarry not heare.

Breakfast.

10 Let huswife be carter, see pottage be heate,
a messe to each one, with a morzell of meate,

No more title tate,
go serue your cattle.

11 What tack in a pudding, saies greedy gut winger,
giue such ye wot what, er a pudding hefinger.

12 Let seruant ones serued, thy cattle go serue,
least often ill seruing, make cattle to serue.

Learne you that will thee,
How deinty some bee.

13 No breakfast of custome, prouide for to saue,
but onely for such, as deserueth to haue.

14 No shewing of seruant, what vittailles in store,
shew seruant his labour, and shew him no more.

Of hauocke beware,
Cat nothing will spare.

15 Where althing is common, what needeth a hutch,
where wanteth a sauer, there hauocke is much.

16 Where windowe is open, cat maketh a fray,
yet wilde cat with two legs, is worse by my say.

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Looke

Huswifery.

Loke well vnto thine,
Slut slouthfull must whine.

17 An eye in a corner, who bleth to haue,
reuealeth a diab, and puenenteth a knaue.

18 Make mayd to be clemly, or make her cry creake,
and teach hir to stir, when her mistres doth speake.

Let holly wand threate,
let fisgig be beate.

19 A wand in the hand, though ye fight not at all,
make yough to, theire businesse, better to fall.

20 For feare of a foole had I will, cause thee to wayle
let fisgig be taught, to shut doore after toyle.

To easy the wicket,
will still appease clicket.

21 With her that will clicket, make daunger to cope,
least quickly her wicket, seeme easy to ope.

22 Als rod little mendeth, where maners be spilt,
so naught wil be naught, say & do what thou wilt.

Fight seldome ye shall,
but yse not to brall,

23 Much brawling with seruāt, what man can abide,
pay home when thou fightest, but loue not to chide.

24 Als order is heavenly, where quiet is had,
so erroz is hell, or a mischief as bad.

What

Huswifery.

7

What better a lawe,
then subiectes in awe.

25 Such awe as a warning, will cause to beware,
doth make the whole hould, the better to fare,

26 The lesse of thy counsell, thy seruants do know,
their duty the better, such seruants shall show.

Good musicke regard,
good seruant reward.

27 Such seruants are oftenest, painefull and good,
that sing in their labour, as birdes in the wood.

28 Good seruants hope fully, some friendship to feele,
and looke to haue fauour, what time they do weele,

By once or twice,
tis time to be wise.

29 Take care for Robin, to plette his neede,
and looke to be filched, as true as thy Creede.

30 Take warning by once, that a wuse do not hap,
foresight is the stopper, of many a gap.

Some change for a shift,
oft change small thrift.

31 Make few of thy counsell, to change for the best,
least one that is troubling, infecteth the rest.

32 The stone that is rouling, can gather no mosse,
for master and seruant, of changing is losse,

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Both

Huswifery.

Both liberall sicketh,
Some prouender pricketh.

33 One Dog for a hog, and one cat for a mouse,
one ready to giue, is ynough in a house.

34 One gift if accepted, kepe nere in thy purse,
whome prouender pricketh, are often the wurse.

Brew some what for thine,
els keepe no swine.

Brewing. 35 Where brewing is needefull, be brewer thy selfe,
what filleth the foote, will helpe furnish the selfe.

36 In buying of drinke, by the sickin of pott
score quickly ariseth, hog profiteth not.

VVell brewed, worth cost,
ill vsed, halfe lost.

37 One husshell not brewed, out lasteth some twaine,
two troubles for nothing, is cost to no gaine.

38 Too new is no profit, too stale is as bad,
drink dead or els slower, makes laborer sad.

Remember good Gil,
take paine with thy wil.

Seething of 39 Seeth graines in more water, while graines be yet
graines. - and stir them in copper, as poeidge in pot, (hot

40 Such heating to straw, to haue offal good stowe,
both please thy and ease thy, what anould ye haue more.

New

Huswifery.

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New bread is a dreuill,
Much crust is as euill.

41 New bread is a waster, but mouldy is worse,
What dog catcheth that way, that loseth the purse.

Baking.

42 Much dowe bake I prayse not, much crust is as ill,
The meane is the Huswife, say nay if ye will.

Good cookery craueth,
Good turne broch saueith,

43 Good cooke to dresse dinner, to bake & to brew,
Deserues a reward, being honest and trew.

Cookery.

44 Good diligens turne byde, & trusty with all,
Is some time as needfull, as some in the hall.

Good dayry, doth pleasure,
ill dairy spends treasure.

45 Good huswife in dayer, that needes not be tolde,
Deserueth her fee to be payed her in golde.

Dairy.

46 Ill seruant neglecting, what huswifery sayes,
Deserueth her fee, to be payed her with bayes.

Though droy be worth much,
marke fluts and such.

47 Good droy to steepe hog, to helpe walsh & to milke,
more needfull is trug, then some in the like.

48 Though homely be myker, yet chasty be cooke,
for flut and a flourish, be both made by the looke.

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In

Huswifery.

In dayry no cat,
Lay bane for Rat.

49 Though cat (a good mouster) doth dwell in a house,
yet ever in dayry haue trap for a mouse.

50 Take heede how thou layest, the bane for the rats,
for poisoning seruant, thy selfe and thy bzats.

No scouring for pride,
spare kettle whole side

Scouring. 51 Though scouring be needful, yet scouring to much,
is pride without profit, and robbeth thine huch.

52 Keepe kettels from knocks, set tubbes out of Sun,
for mending is costly, and crackt is soone don.

Take heede when ye wash,
els runne in the lash.

washing. 53 Maydes wash well & wring well, but beat ye wot
if any lack beating, I feare it be you. (how

54 In washing by hand, haue an eye to thy boll,
for Launderers and Millers, be quick of their toll,

Dry sunne, dry wind,
safe bind safe fynd.

55 Go wash wel sayth sommer, with sunne I shal dry,
go wring well sayth winter, with wind so shall I.

56 To trust without heede, is to denier a ioynt,
giue tale and take count, for huswifely point.

where

Hufwifery.

9

where many be packing,
are many things lacking.

57 When hens fall a cackling, take heede to their nest,
when drabbes fall a whispering, take heede to the rest.

58 Though negligent hufwifes ar many things
& Gyllet suspected, will quickly be packing. (lacking,

ill malting is theft,
wood dried hath a weft.

59 House may be so handsum, and skilfullnes such,
to make thy owne malt, it shall profit thee much,

Malting.

60 Some drieth with straw, & some drieth with wood
wood asketh more charge, and yet nothing so good.

Take heede to the kell,
Sing out as a bell,

61 Be suer no chaunces, to fier can drawe,
the wood oꝝ the furzen, the brake oꝝ the strawe.

62 Let Gyllet be singing, it doth very wel,
to keepe her from sleeping, and burning the kell.

Best dried, best speedes,
ill kept, bowd breedes,

63 Malt being well speered, the more it will cast,
malt being well dyped, the longer will last.

64 Long kept in ill sollar (vndoubted thou shalt)
through bowds wout number, lose quickly thy malt.

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For

Huswifery.

For hunger or thirst,
dresse cattle well first.

Dinner time. 65 By Doone see your dinner be ready and neat,
let meat tarry servant, not servant his meat.

66 Plough cattle bayting, call servant to dinner,
the thicker, so many be the charges the thinner.

Together is best,
For hostis and guest.

67 Dew season is best, altogether is gay,
dispatch hark no fellow, make short & away.

68 Beware of Gill laggose, disordering thy house,
more dainties who catcheth, then crasty fed mouse.

Let such have ynough,
that follow the plough.

69 Give servant no dainties, but give him ynough,
too many chappes walking, doe begger the plough.

70 Poore leggons halfe sternerd worke faintly & dull,
and lubbers do loyter their bellies to full.

Give neuer to much,
to lazies and such.

71 Feede lazies, that theyrselfe a flap and a tap,
like slouthfull, that all day be stopping a gap.

72 Some litherly lubber, more eateth then two,
yet leaneth vndone that a straunger will do.

where

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VWhere nothing will last,
spare such as thou hast.

73 Some cutteth thy linnen, some selleth their broth,
bare table to some doth as well as a cloth.

74 Treene dishes be homely, and yet not to lack,
where stone is no laster, take tankard and iack.

Knap boy on the thumbes,
And saue him his crumbe.

75 That newter is neuer for mannerly least,
that dayly doth serue an vnmannerly best.

76 Some gnaweth a leueth, some crustring a soe crumbs
eat such their own leuings, or gnaw their own thumbes

Serue God euer first,
take nothing at wurst.

77 At Dinner, at Supper, at morning, at night,
giue thanks vnto God for his gifts in thy sight.

78 Good husband, and huswife will sometime alone,
make shift with a morsell, and picke of a bone.

Enough thou art tolde,
to much will not hold.

79 Three dishes well dressed, add welcome with all,
both please thy friend, and becommeth thine hall.

80 Enough is a plenty, to much is a pride,
the plough with ill holding, goes quickly aside.

Huswifery.

Make company breake,
gocherish the weake.

After noone
woorkes.

81 When Dinner is ended, let seruants to worke,
and follow such marchants, as loueth to lurke.

82 To seruant in sickness, see nothing ye grutch,
a thing of a trifle, shall comfort him much.

who many do feede,
saue much they had neede.

83 Put chippings in dippings, ble parings to saue,
fat Capons or chickens, that lookest to haue.

84 Saue drappings & skinnings, how euer ye doo,
for medicine for cattle, for care and for shoo.

Leaue Capon vnmeete,
dere fed is vnweete.

85 Such offozne as commeth, giue wise to her fee,
feed willingly such, as do helpe to feede thee.

86 Though fat fed is dainty, of this I thee warne,
be cunning in fattening, for robbing thy barne.

Peece hole to defend,
things timely amend.

87 Good farmers bee sowing, of fine prety knacks,
good huswives be mending, and peering their sacks.

88 Though making and mending be huswifely waies,
yet mending in time, is the huswifery to praise.

Buy

Huswifery.

II

Buy new as is meete,
Marke blanket and sheete,

89 Though Ladies may rend and buy new every day
Good huswifes must mende, & buy new as they may.

90 Call quarterly servants, to court & to leete,
Write every Couerlet, Blanket and sheete.

Shift flouenly else,
Be gayler thy selfe.

91 Though shifting to oft, be a thiefe in a house,
yet shift flut and flouen for feare of a louse.

92 Graunt doubtfull no key of his chamber in purse,
least chamber dooze lockt, be to thievery a nurse.

Save feathers for gest,
These other rob chest,

93 Save wing for a thresher, when Gander doth die, Save feathers.
save feather of all thing, the softer to lye.

94 Much spice is a thiefe, so is candle and fyre,
swete sause is as crafty, as euer was fyre.

wife make thine own cādle,
Spare penny to handle.

95 Provide for thy tallow, ere frost cometh in,
and make thine owne candel, ere winter begin.

Candle making.

96 If peny for all thing, be suffred to trudge,
trust long not to peny to haue him thy Drudge.

U.iii.

Time

Huswifery.

Time drawing to night.

See all thing go right.

Evening
woodes.97 When hennes go to roost, go in hand to dresse meat,
serue hogs and to milking, and some to serue neat.98 Where twaine be ynough, be not serued wth three,
more knaues in a company, worse they bee.Make lacky to trudge,
make seruant thy drudge.99 For euery trifle leaue tancing thy Bag,
but rather make lacky, of Jack buy the wag.100 Make seruant at night, lag in wood or a log,
let none come in empty, but shut & thy dog.

False knaue ready prest,

All safe is the best.

101 Whether pullein vse nightly, to pearch in the pard,
there two legged foxes keepe watches and ward.102 See cattle well serued, without & within,
and all thing at quiet ere supper begin.

Take heed it is needfull,

True pitie is meedfull.

103 No clothes in garden, no trunks without,
No doore leaue unbolted for feare of a doubt.104 Thou wooman whom pitie becommeth the best,
graunt all that hath laboured, time to take rest.

Vfe

Huswifery.

12

Use mirth and good woord
at bed and at bord.

105 Prouide for thy husband to make him good chere,
make mery together while time ye be here. Supper time

106 At bed and at bord, how forer befall,
what euer God sendeth, be mery withall.

No brawling make,
no ielousie take.

107 No taunts before seruants, for hindring thy same,
no sarring to loud, for auoiding of shame.

108 As franke and heresie roueth together,
So ielousie leadeth a foole ye wot whether.

Tend such as ye haue,
stop talkatiue knaue.

109 Among children & chickens would euer be eating,
good seruants looke duely for gentle entreating.

110 No seruant at table vse saulie to talke,
least tong set at large, out of measure do walke.

No snatching at all.
Sirs harken now all.

111 No hutching, no snatching, no strying at all,
least one go without and another haue all.

112 Declare after Supper, take heede therunto,
what worke in the morning, eche seruant shall do.

After supper
woordes.

U.iii.

Thy

Hufwifery.

Thy soule hath a clog,
for get not thy dog.

113 Remember those children whose parents be poore,
which hunger yet dare not to craue at thy dooze.

114 Thy bandog that serueth for diuers mishaps,
forget not to giue him thy bones and thy scraps.

Make keyes to be keepers,
to bed ye sleepers.

115 Where mouthes be many to spend that thou hast,
set keyes to be keepers for spending to fast.

116 To bed after supper, let broulie go sleepe,
least knaue in the dark, to his marrowe do creepe.

Keepe keyes as thy life,
feare candle good wife.

117 Such keyes lay by safe, ere ye take ye to rest,
of daype, of buttry, of cubberd and chest.

118 Feare candel in hay loft, in barne and in shed,
feare flea smock, & mendbreech, for burning their bed.

See doore lockt fast,
two keyes make wast.

119 A dooze without locke is a baite for a knaue,
a lock without key, is a foole that will haue.

120 One key to two locks, if it bzeake is a grieve,
two keyes to one lock, in the end is a thiefe.

Night

Huswifery 13

Night workes troubles head,
Locke doers land to head.

120 The day willethe done, what soeuer ye bid,
the night is a thiefe, if ye take not good heed.

121 Wash dishes, lay leauens, save fier and wagg,
locke dozes and to bed, a good huswife will say.

To bed know thy guise,
to rise do likewise.

122 In winter at nine, and in sommer at ten,
to bed after supper, both myn and myn.

Bed time.

123 In winter at five a clock, seruant arise,
in Sommer at fower, is euer the guise.

Time to rise.

Love as ye may, and a bed shall be
line many a day.

Be lowly not foolle, if ought ye can
what wretched may loose thee, that winneth a wife.
Both beare and forbear, now and then as ye may:
then wench God a mercy, the husband will say.

The plowmans feasting daies.

This would not be slept,

Old guise must be kept.

Good huswifes whom God hath enriched enough,
forget not the feastes that belong to the plough.
The meaning is onely to ioy and be glad:
for comfort with labour is fit to be had.

Plough

Æ. i.

¶ The ploughmans feasting dayes.

Plough Munday.

2 Plough Munday next after that Twelfthe is past,
bids out with the plough, the worst husband is last.
If ploughman gett hatched, or whyp to the skrene:
maydes loseth their Cocks, if no water be seene.

Shroffide.

3 At Shroffide so shewing, go thorow the fat Denny,
if blindfolds can hit her, then geue it thy men.
Maydes, fritters and pancakes, ynough see ye make:
let slut haue one pancake, for company sake.

Sheepe shearing.

4 Wife make vs a dinner, spare flesh nether come,
make wafers & cakes, for our sheepe must be shorne.
at sheepe shearing neighbors, none other thing craue:
but good cheere and welcome, like neighbors to haue.

The wake day.

5 Fill Ouen full of flawns, Binney passe not for sleepe,
to morow thy father, his wake day will keepe.
Then euery wanton, may dancie at her will:
both Tomkin with Tomlin, & Jankin with Gail.

Haruest home.

6 For all this good feasting, yet art thou not looke,
till ploughman thou giuest his haruest home good.
Though goose go in stubble, I passe not for that.
let goose haue a goose, be she lean be she fat.

Seede

Seede cake

7 Wolfe some time this weeke, if the weather hold cleere,
an end of wheat sowing, we make for this pere.
Remember you therefore, though I do it not:
the seede Cake, the Pasties, & Furmenty pot.

Twice a weeke rost.

8 Good Ploughmen looke weekly, of custome & right,
for rost meat on Sundales, & Thursdaies at night.
Thus doing and keeping, such custome and guise?
they call thee good huswife, the lone thee like wise,

The good huswifely

Physicke.

Good huswifes prouide, ere an sickness do come,
of sundry good thinges, in her house to haue some.
Good Aqua composita, Vinegar tart,
Rose water and treacle, to comfort the hart.
Cold herbes in her garden, for agues that burne,
that ouer strong heat, to good temper may turne.
White Endive & Suckery, with spinage ynough,
all such with good pot herbes, should followe the plough.
Get water of fumentory, Liner to coole,
and others the like, or els lie lyke a foole.
Conserue of the Barbery, Quinces and such,
with Sirops that easeth, the sickely to much.
Aske Medicus counsell, ere medicine ye can buy,
and honour that man, for necessities sake.
Though thousands hate physike, because of the cost,
yet thousands it helpeth, that els should be lost.

The good huswifely phisicke.

Good diet. 17 Good broth and good keeping, do much now & than,
Good diet with wise doing, best comforteth man.
 In helth to be sitting, shall profite thee best.
 In sicknesse to be sitting, shall keepe thee quiet and rest.
 Remember thy soule, let no faine preuaile,
 Make ready to Godward let faith neuer quayle.
 The sooner thy selfe, thou submittest to God,
 the sooner he ceaseth, to scourge with his rod.

Thinke on
 thy soule, and
 haue a good
 hope.

*The good motherly
 Nursey.*

Good huswifes take paine, & do count it good luck,
 to make there own brest, there own child to giue suck
 Though wrauling & rocking, be noysome so nere,
 yett loth by all nursing, is worser to here.
 But one thing I warne thee, les huswife be nurse,
 least husband do find thee, to franke with his purse.
 What hulbarke and fill belly, maketh away,
 that help to make good, or els looke for a tray.
 Giue child that is fitly, giue baby the big,
 giue hardnes to pouth, & giue roperipe a twig.
 We finde it not spoken so often for naught,
 that children were better, vnborne than vntaught.
 Some cockneyes with coking, are made very fooles,
 fit neither for mentrice, for plough, nor for schooles.
 Teach child as a hobbiliny, serue God & to church,
 then blesse as a mother, els blesse him with burch.
 They huswife thus doing, what further shall neede,
 but all men to call thee, good mother in deede.

Thinke

Thinke on the poore,

15

Remember the poore, that for Gods sake do call,
for God both rewardeth, & blesseth with all,
Take this in good part, whatsoeuer thou bee,
and wish me no worse, then I wish vnto thee.

*A comparison betweene good
Huswifery and cuill,*

TA comparing together, good Huswiffe and bad,
The knowledg of eyther, the better is had.

1 All huswifery leeth,
til nine of the clocke.

Good huswifery trieth:
to rise with the Cocke.

2 All huswifery tooteth,
to make her selfe braue.

Good huswifery looketh:
what household must haue.

3 All huswifery trusteth,
to him and to hir.

Good huswifery lusteth:
her selfe for to stir.

4 All huswifery careth,
for this no: for that.

Good huswifery spareth:
for feare ye wot what.

Ende

5 All

Comparison betweene &c.

5 All huswifery pricketh,
her selfe by in pride.

Good huswifery tricketh:
her house as a byde.

6 All huswifery one thing
oz other must craue.

Good huswifery nothing:
but needfull will haue.

7 All huswifery moueth,
with golles to spend.

Good huswifery loneth:
her household to tend.

8 All huswifery wanteth,
with spending to fall.

Good huswifery scateth:
the lenger to last.

9 All huswifery easeth,
her selfe with vnknewne.

Good huswifery pleaseeth:
her selfe with her owne.

10 All huswifery brooketh
mad toies in her hed.

Good huswifery looketh:
that all thinges be led.

11 All huswifery bringeth,
a shilling to naught.

Good

Comparison betweene &c.

16

Good huswifery singeth:
her cofers full fraught.

12 Ill huswifery rendeth,
and casteth a side.

Good huswifery mendeth
els would it go wide.

13 Ill huswifery sweepeth
her linnen to gage.

Good huswifery keepeth,
to serue her in age.

14 Ill huswifery craueth,
in secret to borrow.

Good huswifery saueeth,
to day for to morow.

15 Ill huswifery pineth,
not hauing to eate)

Good huswifery dineth,
with plenty of meate.

16 Ill huswifery letteth,
the deuill take all.

Good huswifery setteth,
good by ag of a small.

17 Good huswife good fame hath,
of best in the towne.

Ill huswife ill name hath,
of euery clowne.

Thus endeth the booke of
Huswifery.

F.iii.

For

For men a perfect warning,
what child shall come by learning.

AL you that saine would learne, the perfect way,
to haue your childe, in musicke some thing serue:
Aske Nature first, what therto shee doth say,
ere further suite, ye make to such a Queene.
For doubtlesse *Grossum caput* is not hee,
of whome the learned *Muses*, serues will bee.

Once tried that nature, crime hath done her part,
and Lady musicke, saue in loue with all:
We wise who first, doth teach the child that art,
least homely breaker, may the ambling Ball.
Not rod in mad bzaines hand, is that can helpe,
But gentle skill, doth make the proper helpe.

Where choyse is hard, count good for well a fine,
skill mixt with will, is hee that teacheth best,
Let this suffice for teaching rule or rime,
choise quickly well, for all the lingering rest.
Mistought a first, how seldom prometh well,
trim taught O God how shortly doth excel.

Although as shippes, must tary wind and tide,
and perfect howers, abide their stinted time,
So likewise, though of learning haply tried:
space must be had, ere witte may thereto cline,
yet eay steps, and perfect way to find,
doth cause good speede, confesse of force wee must.

Thus in the child, though wit enough we finde,
and teacher good, neare hand, or other where:
And time as apt, as may be thought with minde,
no; cause, in such thing, much to doubt or feare.

port cothing of them, & stirring down from poles,
makes pregnant wittes, to ppeone but learned foolles.

Cre learning home, to haue first art thou taught,
apt learning child, apt time that thing to frame,
Apt learning may to teach, & all to naught,
apt parents, glad to bring to passe the same,
On such apt ground, the minde is to be built,
this lesson learne: aduise els learned child.

The Inholders posie.

A T speaks my silence, who vnder here, & secret with his host
shall both be sure of better there, & shape with lesser cost.

But he that will attendance haue, a chamber by him selfe to haue,
spend more regard, what paines it shal, the paines of wordly pelte,

Let no man looke to purchase lymie, by pynching by the waie,
But lay befoze he takes his Anne, to make his purse to paye.

For nothinge paye, & nothinge praye, in Anne is to the guile,
where no pointe can, ther no pointe paye, think this if thou be wille

For topling mirth, & topling mirth, & topling mirth, & topling mirth,
for topling mirth, & topling mirth, & topling mirth, & topling mirth,

For seing this, come day or night, take by what place ye please,
till mine as this, let fortune fight, and holden take thine ease.

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The discription of womans age by vi.

times, xiiiij. years, prentissip, with a
 .at loof t lesson but be fapier, att the for my p a dore

14 Two first viij. yeares, for a roo they do whine,

28 Two next, as a perle, in the world they do shine,

42 Two next, trim beautie be ginneth to lye in,

56 Two next for matrons, or drudges the lerne,

70 Two next, down craue a Raffe for a stay:

84 Two next, a beere to fetch them away.

Then purchase some pelfe,

A lesson by spyn and theceet
 or buckle thy selfe,

a drudg for to be.

Certaine table lessons.

Friend, eateles and o'males, and buy the a knife.

els look for a carver, not alway to rise

Some whiten their daggers for beauey wodes,
 that often for surfeting neede not to feare.

2 At dinner stand uppe, the table both erue,

good felowly neighbour, good manner to haue.

adise thee well therfore, ere tongue be to free,

or flapfauce be noted, to saucy to bee.

3 If any thing wanteth of thee, or of anville,
to call for, or shew it good maner it is:
But buile faste slender, and saury with all,
is roister like ruffen, no maner at all.

4 Some cutteth the napkin, some trencher will take,
Some sheweth like folly in many a trick:
Let apistle boby, to toying at meat,
goe top with his noby, with ape in the street.

5 Some cometh vnto the, not for thy good cheare,
but bent as a spiall, to listen and heare:
which being once knowne, for a knaue let him go,
for knaue wilbe knaue, his nature is so.

Table lessons for waiting seruants.

O Be Diligent seruiture, skilfull to waight,
more comelish thy table, then other some eight.
That stand for to listen, or gasing about:
not minding their dute, within nor without.

2 Such wayter is faulty, that standeth so by,
vnmindfull of seruice, forgetting his eye.
If master to such, giue a bone for to gnaw,
he doth but his office, to reach such a daw.

3 Such seruiture also, deserueth a check,
that runneth out fisking with meat in his beek.
Such rauening puttocks, for vittels so trim:
would haue a good master, to puttocke with him.

Table lessons.

4 Who dayly can suffer, or els can afford,
his meat so vp matched, that comes from his bord.
So toled with carmarants here and there some;
and others to want it, that orderly come.

5 Good seruitors wareth, (once dinner begonne)
what asketh attendance, and what to be donne.
So purchasing master, a praise with the best:
gets praise to him selfe, both of master & guest.

His hand pofies for the hall.

Fliters here I wot, & how I haue a little bozolly petto,
which on my friend I haue to spend, as well as on my selfe.

2 What euer fare you haue to find, take welcome for the best,
that hauing then, vndaine thou not, to) wanting or the rest.

3 Backbyting talke, that flattering blabs, knoe to wylly how to blige
the wylly both note, the friend both hate, the enemye will reuenge.

4 The wylly will spend, or geue sale, yet berpe to haue in store,
ff foolles may haue from hand to mouth, they passe vpon no more.

5 Where ease is sought, at length we see, there plenty wareth least,
who carelesse liues, go bozow much, or els full often want.

6 The world doth thinke, the welthy man, is he that least shall need
but true it is, the godly man, is he that best shall speede.

Pofies for the parler.

As hatred is the serpents noyome roo,
so frindship, is the louing gift of god.

Poies for the parler.

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2 The broken friends is friendship very euill,
the frantike friend is friendship for the deuill.

3 The quiet friend all one in words and deeds,
great comfort is like redy gold at needs.

4 With banling foolcs, that will for every wrong,
firme friendship neuer can continue long.

5 In time that man, shall seldom friendship misse,
that mayeth what thing, touch kept in friendship is.

6 Oft times a friend, is got with easie cost,
whych dyes euill, is oft as quickly lost.

7 Hast thou a friend as hart may wish at will,
then vse him so, to haue his friendship still.

8 Wouldst thou haue a friend, wouldst know what friend is best,
haue God thy friend, who passeth al the rest.

Poies for the guests chamber.

The duncen and the careless man, the rovinis nothing nice,
to lodge in chamber comely deckt, are seldom invited thence.

2 With curtesie, some make scabers cleane, with conuict their sho,
al dirt and mire, some wallow des, as sparmets use to do.

3 Though bootcs & spurs be nere so foule, what passeth for theon,
what place the foule, what thing the teare, by tumbling therupon.

4 Foule male some cast on faire boyde, be carpet nere so cleene,
what maners carelessse master hath, by knane his man is scene.

5 Some make the chimney chamber pol, to smel like stinky sink,
yet who so bold, so soone to say, fought, how these houses stinck,

Posies for the best chamber

6 They therfore such as make no sojre, what thing they shall
must haue a habben like thei sellers, although against their will.

7 But gentlemen will gently so, where gentleness is beate,
obseruing this, with loue abides, as the heart will be, as the heart will be.

Posies for thine owne bed Chamber.

What wisdom more, what better life, than pleaseth god to send,
what wordy goods, what longer use, than pleaseth god to lend.

2 What better fare, then wel content, what mirth to gods birth:
what better guest then trusty friend, in sickness and in health,

3 What better bed, then quiet rest, to passe the night, when sleepe
what better worke, then dayly care, fro sinne thy selfe to keepe.

4 What better thought then think on god, that dayly him to serue,
what better gift, then to the poore, that ready be to serue.

5 What greater prayse, of God a man, then haired to forlake:
what mercies, shall mercy get, that mercy none will take.

6 What worse dispaire, then loth to die, for feare to go to hell,
what greater faith, then trust in God, through Christ in heauen
to dwell.

A Sonet

A Sonet. 20

A Sonet to the Lady

Pager,

Some pleasures take
and cannot geue,
but onely make,
pooze thanks their shift:
Some meaning well,
in debt do lyue,
and cannot tell,
how els to shift.

Some knock and faine,
would ope the dooze,
to learne the haine,
good turne to praiſe:

Some shew good face,
and be but pooze,
yet haue a grace,
good fame to raise.

Some owe and geue,
yet still in debt,
and so must lye,
for ought I know:

Some wish to pay,
and cannot get,

but night and day,
still more must owe.

Even so must I, for seruice past,
still wish you good, while life doth last.

B.iii.

The

Principall points of religion.

- 1 To pray to god continually,
To learne to know him rightfully.
- 2 To honour God in Trinitie.
- 3 The trinitie in vnitie.
The Father in his maiestie,
The Sonne in his humanitie,
The holy Ghosts Benignitie.
three persons, one in Dictie,
- 4 To serue him alway holily,
- 5 To aske him all thing needfully,
- 6 To praise him alway worthely,
- 7 To loue him alway steadfastly,
- 8 To dred him alway fearfully,
- 9 To aske him mercy hartely,
- 10 To trust him alway faithfullly,
- 11 To obey him alway willingly,
- 12 To abide him alway patiently,
- 13 To thank him alway thankfully,
- 14 To liue here alway vermouthly,
- 15 To vse thy neighbour honestly,
- 16 To looke for death still presently,
- 17 To helpe the poore in misery,
- 18 To hope for heauens felicity,
- 19 To haue faith hope and charity,
- 20 To count this life but vanity,

be points of Christianitie.

Maye be founde in the booke of the
Principall points of religion.

The aucthors beliefe.

21

This is my stedfast Credo, my faith and all my trust,
 That in the heauens ther is a God, most mighty mild and iust
 A God aboue all gods, a king aboue all kinges,
 The lord of lords, chiefe gouernour, of heauen and earthly things

God the
 Father.

2 That power hath of life, of death, of heauen and hell,
 That at thing made as pleaseth him, so wonderfull to tell:
 That made the hanging skies, so deckt with diuers lights,
 Of darknes made the cherfull daies, and all our restfull nights.

Maker of
 heauen.

3 That clad this earth with herbe, with trees of sundry fruits,
 with beast, with bird, both wild and tame, of strang & sundry sorts, The earth,
 That intermirt the same, with mynes like beines of Ore,
 of siluer, gold, of pfectious stones, & treasures many more.

4 That soynd brookes to dales, to hills fresh water springes,
 with riuers sweete, along the meedes, to profit many thinges:
 That made the hoarpe frostes, the flaky snowes so trim,
 The hoing beates, the blustering windes, to serue as pleaseth him.

5 That made the surging seas, in course to ebbe & flowe,
 That skilfull man with sailing ship, mought travell to and fro: The seas
 And stoied to the same, for manis unthankfull sake,
 that euery nation vnder heauen, mough: therby profit take.

6 That gaue to man a soule, with reason how to liue,
 That doth to him, and all thinges else, his blessing dayly giue:
 That is not seene, yet seeth, how man doth run his race,
 whose dayly workes, both good & bad, none knowne before his face

7 That sendeth thundring claps, like terrois out of hell,
 That man may knowe, a God ther is, that in the heauens doth dwell
 That sendeth threathing plagues, to keepe our liues in awe,
 His benefits if we so get, or do contempne his lawe.

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3 That

The aucthors beliefe.

8 That dayly hateth sinne, that loveth vertue well.
And is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel.
That both displeasure take, when we his lawes offend,
And yet amidst his heauy wrath, his merry doth extend.

Christ the
sonne.

9 This is that Lord of hostes, the father of vs all,
The maker of what ere was made, my God on whom I call.
Which for the loue of man, sent downe his onely sonne,
Begot of him veso, & the woordes were any whit begonne.

Christes
birth,
Christ God
and man:

10 This, entred Maries womb, as sayth affirmeth sure,
Conceyued by the holy ghost, borne of that virgin pure.
This, was both God and man; of 3 elwes the hoped king,
And liued here, saue only sinne, like man in every thing.

Christ our
Messias,

11 This is that virgins child, that same most holy Paless,
The lamb of god, the Prophet great, whom scripture calleth Christ.
This that Messias was, of whom the prophet spake,
That should tread downe the Serpents head, & our attanemēt make.

Christes
passion,

12 This Judas did betray, to false dissembling Iewes,
Which unto Pilat bring Iudge, did falsly him accuse.
Who (through that wicked Iudge) and of those Iewes despight,
Cōdemnyed and tormented was, with all the force they might.

Christes
death,

13 To liuing twight more euil, what could such wretches doe,
more pearcing wounds, more bitter pains, thā they did put him to
The crowned him with thorne, that was the king of kings,
that sought to saue the soule of man, aboue all woorldly things.

Christes
buriall:

14 This was the Pascall lambe, whose loue for vs so stode,
that on the mount of Caluerye, did shed for vs his blood.
There hanging on the crosse, no shame he did forsake,
till death giuen him by pearcing spere, an end of life did make.

15 This, Ioseph seemg dead, the body thence did craue,
and tooke it forth with from the crosse, and layd it in his graue,

Dolne

The aucthors beliefe.

22

Doing thence he went to hell, in vking there his will,
His soule I mpane, his dayned corpe, in tomb remaining still,

His descen-
tion.

16 From death to life againe, the third day this did rise,
And seene on earth to his elect, times oft in sundry wise,
And after into heauen, ascend he did in sight,
And siteth on the right hand there, of God the father of might.

His resur-
rection,

His ascentio.

17 Where for vs wretches all, his father he doth pray,
to haue respect vnto his death, and put our sinnes away.
From thence with sounded trump, which noyse al flesh shall heare
he shall returne with glory againe, to iudge the quick and dead.

Christ shall
be our iudge

18 When shall that voice be heard, come come ye good to me,
hence hence to hell you workers euell, where paine shall euer bee.
This is that louing Christ, to whom I my Saniour call,
and onely put my trust in him, and in none els at all.

19 In God the holy Ghost, I firmitely do beleue,
Which from the father and the sonne, proceeding life doth giue,
which by the prophets spake, which eath al thinge shall iudge,
which I do trust, shall be my guide, when this my life shall end.

God the holy
ghost,

20 A holy catholike church, on earth I hereout there is,
& those which frame, their liues by that, shall neuer speede amisse.
The head whereof is Christ, his word the chiefest post:
preseruer of this Temple great, is God the holy Ghost.

The Catho-
like Church

21 I do not doubt there is, a multitude of Sainctes,
more good is done, resembling them, the shewing the our plaints.
Their faith & works in Christ, that glory them did giue:
which glory we shall likewise haue, if likewise we do liue.

The commu-
nion of sainctes

22 At God of heauen there is, forgiveness of our sinnes,
thzough Christes death, thzough faith in it, & thzough none other
If we repent here, his mercy daily craue, (ginnes
thzough stedfast hope & faith in Christ forgiveness we shall haue.

Forgiveness
of sinnes.

The aucthōrs beliefe.

23 I hope and trust vpon, the rising of the flesh,
Whans resur- this corpes of mine that first must dye, shall rise againe a flesh.
rection. The body and soule euen then, in one shall ioynted bee:
 as Chriſt did rise, from death to life, euen so through Chriſt ſhal we

24 As Chriſt is glozified, and neuer more shall dye,
Life euertal- As Chriſt aſcended into heauen, through Chriſt euen ſo ſhal I.
ing. As Chriſt I compt my head, and I a member of his,
 So God I trust, for Chriſtes ſake, ſhall ſettle me in bliſſe.

THus here we learne of God, that there be perſons three,
 the Father, Sonne, the holy Ghoſt, one God in trinitie.
 In ſubſtance al like one, one God, one Lord, one might,
 whose perſones yet we do denide, and ſo we may be right.

As God the Father is, the maker of vs all,
 So God the Sonne redeemer is, to whom ſo helpe we call,
 And God the holy Ghoſt, the ſoule of man doth wiſene,
 By mouing her to waite for grace, aſhamed of her ſinne.

This is that God of gods, whom eury ſoule ſhould loue,
 who al mēs harts, ſhould quake for feare, his wrath on the to moue
 What this ſame mighty God, aboue all other chiefe:
 ſhall ſaue my ſoule, from dolefull Hell, is all my whole beliefe.

Of

Of the omnipotency of God.

23

and debilitie of man.

O God, thou glorious God, what God is like to thee,
what life what strength, is like to thine, as all the world may see
Thy heavens, thy earth, thy seas, and all thy woorkes therein,
do shew (to whom thou wouldest to know) what thou hast euer bene

1 But al the thoughts of man, are bent to wretched euill;
Man doth comit Idolatrie, bewitched of the Devil.
What euill is left undone, where man may haue his will:
Man euer was an hipocrite, and euer will be still.

3 What dally watch is made, the soule of man to slea,
By Lucifer, by Belshabub, Sammon, & Asmode,
In euillish pride, in wrath, in conetig to much,
In fleshly lust the time is spent, the life of man is such,

what these
4. principall
devils do sig-
nifie.

4 The toy that man here hath, is as a sparke of fier,
His aces be like, the smoldering smoke: him selfe like dirt & mire:
His strength even as a Reede, his age much like the flower,
His byeth & life is but a puffe, vncertaine every howe.

5 But so; the holy ghozt, and so; his gifts of grace,
The death of Christ, thy mercy great, man were in twofull case.
O graunt vs therefore Lord, to amend that is amisse,
And when from hence we do depart, to rest with thee in blisse.

*Elimosina prodest homini in vita, in
morte, & post mortem.*

For onely loue to God, more christian like to liue,
and so; a zeale, to helpe the poore; thine almes dayly giue.
Let gift no glory looke, nor euill possesse thy minde:
and so; extoile, these profits thee, through almes that thou finde.

Of almes
decres.

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Of almes deedes.

1 First here the holy Ghost, shall dayly through his grace,
Prrouke thee to repentant life, gods mercy to embrace.

2 Of goods and frends (by death) when thou thy leane must take,
thine almes deedes, shall clasp thy soule, & neuer it forsake.

3 When God shall after death, call soone for thyne account,
thine almes the through faith in Christ, shall al thyng els forgo.

But yet for any deede, put thou no trust therein.

But put thy trust in God (through Christ) to pardon thee thy sin.

For els as cackling Henne, with noise bewaies her nest,

Euen so go thou & blaze thy deedes, & lose thou al the rest.

Malus homo.

Of naughtyman I Reade, two sundry thinges are in me,
the one is man, the tother naught, which ought him to repent.

The man we ought to loue, because of much therein.

The euill in him, we ought to hate, euen as a filthie skin.

So doth thy dayly sinnes, the heauenly Lord offend.

But when thou dost repent the same, his wrath is at an end.

*Of two sortes of men, the one good
and tother bad.*

¶ Since first the world began, there was & shalbe still,

Of humane kind two sundry sorte, thou good, & tother ill.

Which till the Iudgement day, shal here together dwell,

But then the good shal tye to heauen, the bad shal tye to hell.

*Diabolo cum resistitur, et vi formica: Cum vero eius sug-
gestio recipitur, fortis est vi leo.*

¶ When Satban we resist, a Wynter shall he bee,

But when we seeme, to giue him place, a Lion then is he.

Sancti.

Sancti Barnardi dicta.

24

Cur mundus militat, sub vana gloria,
Cuius prosperitas est transitoria?
Tam cito labitur, eius potentia,
Quam vasa figuli, quæ sunt fragilia,

2 Plus crede literis, scriptis in glacie,
Quam mundi fragilis, vane fallaciæ,
Fallax in præmiis, virtutis specie,
Quæ nunquam habuit, tēpus fiduciæ,

3 Magis credendum est viri s fallatibus,
Quam mundi miseris prosperitatibus,
Falsis insaniis & voluptatibus,
Falsis quoque studiis & vanitatibus,

4 Dic vbi Salomō, olim tam nobilis:
Vel vbi Sampso est, dux inuincibilis:
Vel dulcis Ionathas, multū amabilis:
Vel pulcher Absolon, vultu mirabilis

5 Quo Cæsar abiit, celsus imperio,
Vel diues splēdidus, totus in prandio
Dic vbi Tullius, clarus eloquio,
Vel Aristoteles, sūmus ingenio?

6 O æfca verminum, ò massa pulueris
O ros, ò vanitas, cur sic extolleris?
Ignoras penitus vtrum cras vixeris
Fac bonum omnibus, quā diu poteris

7 Quā breue festū est, hec mundi gloria!
Vt umbra hominum, sic eius gaudia,
Quæ semper subtrahit æterna premia,
Et ducunt hominem, ad dura deuia.

Z.iiii.

8 Hæc

S. Barnards verses.

8 Hæc mundi gloria, quæ magni penditur,
 Sacris in literis, flos fæni dicitur,
 Vt leue folium, quod vento rapitur,
 Sic vita hominum, hæc vita tollitur.

¶ ¶ ¶

¶ Eight of Saint Barnards verses, translated out of Latin
 into english by this aucthor, for one kind
 of note to serue both ditties.

Who so triumphes the world, in pompe and glory haue,
 Whose state so happy thought, but eadry doth remaine,
 Whose brauery slippery stands, and doth so soone decay:
 As doth the potters pan, compact of brittle clay,

2 More credite see thou giue, to letters wrote in yse,
 Then vnto vaine deceipts, of brittle worlds deuil.
 In gifts to vertue due, beguiling many one,
 yet those same ne'xt haue, long time to haue vpon.

3 To false dissembling men, more trust is to be had,
 Then to the prosperous states, of wretched world so bad.
 What with voluptuousnes, and other madish toys.
 False studies wonne with paine, false vanities and loyes.

4 Tell where is Salomon, that once so noble was,
 Or where now Sampson is, in strength whome none could passe:
 Or worthy Ionathas, that prince so lonely bold:
 Or faire Absolon, so goodly to behold.

5 Shew whither is Cæsar gone, which conquered farre and neere,
 Or that rich famous Carle, so giuen to belly cheere,

Shew

She to ~~the~~ here is ~~Tell~~is note, for eloquence so fitte,
 Of Aristotiles, of such a p̄signant wittis.

6 Thou fit bait for woornes, Thou great heape of dust,
 Dew, Vanitie, why so extolst thy lust.
 Thou therfore ignozant, what time thou hast to live,
 Do good to ery man, while here thou hast to giue.

7 How short a feast (to compt) is this same worldes strowne,
 Such as mens shadowes be, such toyes it byngs to towne.
 Which alwayes plucketh vs, from Gods eternall blisse,
 And leadeth man to hell, a lust reward for his.

8 The branery of this world, esteemed here so much,
 In scripture likened is, to flower of grasse and such.
 Like as the leafe so light, which wind ab;oo doth blowe,
 So doth this worldly life, the life of may bestowe.

As. 1.

¶ ¶ ¶ ¶

*The description of an enuious
and naughtie neighbour.*

A **N** Enuious neighbour is easy to finde,
His comberfom fetches, are feldoime behinde.
His hatred procureth from naughtie to warke,
His frendship like Iudas, that carried the purle.
His head is a storehouse, with quarrels full fraught,
His byaine, is vnquiet, till all come to naught.
His memozy preignant, old tuls to rectie,
His mind euer fired, each euill to requite.
His mouth full of venim, his lips out of frame,
His tongue a false witnesse, his frinde to defame,
His eyes be promoters, some trespas to sple,
His eares be as spyals, a larum to crie.
His hands be as tyrants, rcuenging eche thing,
His feete at thine elbow, as serpent to sting.
His brest full of rancoz, like Coppos to treat,
His hart like a Lion, his neighbour to eat.
His gate like a shepebiter, flearing aside,
His looke like a corcomb, by puffed with pride
His face made of brasse, like a vice in a game,
His tecture like Dauid, whom Terence doth name,
His brag as Therites, with elboves abzode,
His cheekes in his fury, shall swell like a Tode.
His colour like ashes, his cap in his eyes
His nose in the ayer, his snout in the skies,
His promise to trust to, as slipper as fle,
His credit much like, to the chance of the Wyre,
His knowledge oz skill, is in parting to much,
His company shenned, and so be al such.
His friendship is counterfeit, seldome to trust,
His doings vntrukey, and euer vnust.
His fetches to suster to get what he can,
His purpose once gotten, a penny for thee than.

fortune

*Fortuna non est semper amica,
superbiam igitur semper deuia.*

Though fortune smiles, & satunes vpon thy side,
Thy selfe ert oll for that no whit the more,
Though Fortune frownes, and wzeeth al thing wide,
Let fancy stay, keepe courage still in stoe:
For chance may change, as chance hath don befoze.
Thus shalt thou holde, moze safe then honour got,
D; lose the losse, though Fortune will o; not.

Thy friend at this, shall dayly comfort haue,
When warely thus, thou bearest thy selfe dpright,
Thy foes at this shall gladly friendship craue,
When hope so small is left, to wzeke their spight,
For lowly liefe withstandeth enuy quight,
As floeting ship, by bearing sayle alofte,
Withstandeth stormes, when boistrous winds do blowe.

Thyne blage thus, in time shall win the gole,
Though doughtfull haps, dame fortune sendes betwene,
And thou shalt see, thine enemies blow the cale.
To ease thine hart much moze then thou dost weene,
ye though a change, most strangely should be seene,
yet friend at neede, shal secret friendship make,
When foe in deede, shal want, his part to take.

Al. H.

Al

Of thaucthors departing from Court to the countrie,



Use not by friend, to finde me here,
Contented with this pooze estate,
and seeme to do, with willing cheere,
That courtier doth, so deadly hate:
For fortunes looke, hath changed hew.
And I my booke, must learne a new,

1 And yet of force, to learne a new,
We could much abash the dulled haine,
I craue to Iudge, if this be true,
the truant child, that knoweth the paine:

But where a spight,
Of force must bee,
What is that twight,
May disagree.

So, no, God wot, to disagree,
In ventring all to make or marre,
If fortune frowne, we dayly see,
It is not best, to strive to farre:

For Lordly bent,
Must learne to spare,
And be content,
with country fare,

4 From dainty court, to country fare,
To dainty fed, is diet strange,
From Cities toy, to country care,
to skilles folke, is homely change.

where

Departing from the Court

27

Where neede yet can,
none other skill,
sometime poore man
must breake his will.

4 If courtly change, so breaketh will,
that country life must serue the turne,
what profit than, in struing skill,
against the prick to seeme to spurne.

If court with care,
must be content:
what ease to hart,
though mind repent.

6 What gaine I, though I do repent,
my chotches al, are broke and gon,
My wooanted friends, are careles bent,
they feare no chance, I chance vpon,
as neede doth make
old age to trot,
so must I take,
in woorth my lot.

7 Now if I take in woorth my lot,
that fatall chance doth force me to,
If ye be friends embzaid me not,
but vse a friende as frinds should do!

Behold the horse
must trudge for pelfe,
And yet of force
content it selfe.

Now,

Now

The authors liewe.

No gentle friend, if thou be kinde,
 I chaine thou not, although the lot,
 Will now with me, no better be,
 then doth appere:

For let it greeue, that thus I lue,
 But rather greeue, for quietnes,
 As others do, so do I to,
 Content me here,

2 By leaue & loue, of God above,
 I mind to theaw, in verses feaw,
 how though I beere, my youthful yerces
 haue runne the race:

And further say, why thus I stay,
 and minde to letur, as Bee in hie,
 Full bent to spend, my life to an end,
 in this same place.

3 It came to pas, that borne I was,
 Of linage good, of gentle blood,
 In Ester laper, in billage laper,
 that Riuenhall hight:

Which billage lide, by banketre lide,
 There spend did I, myne infancy,
 There then my name, in honest faim,
 remaind in sight.

4 I yet but yong, no speechs of tongue,
 For teares withall, that often fall.
 From mothers eyes, when childe out cryes
 to part her fro:

Could pittie make, good father take,
 But out I must, to songe be thrust,
 Say what I would, do what I could,
 his mynd was so.

Borne at
 Ryuenhall
 in Ester

Set to song
 schoole,

The authours life

28

3 Painfull thins, for every crime,
What torled eares, like bayted beares,
What bobed lips, what terkes, what nips,
What hellish toys:
What robes how bare, what colledg fare,
What bread how stale, what penny ale,
Then Wallingford, how wart thou aboord,
Of seely boyes.

Chozisters
miser.

wallingford
colledge.

6 Then for my voice, I must (no choyce)
A way of force, like posting hoise,
For sundry men, had plagards then,
Such child to take:
The better best, the lesser rest,
To serue the Quere, now there now heere,
For time so spent, I may repent,
and sorrow make.

Singing
mens com-
muns.

7 But marke the chaunce, my selfe to dance
By frindships lot, to Paules I got,
So found I grace, a certaine space,
Still to remaine:
With Redford there, the like no where,
For cunning such, and vertue much,
By whom some part, of pulliche art,
so did I gaine.

John Red-
ford an excel-
lent mission.

8 From Paules I went, to Aeton sent,
To learne straight wales, & Latine phrase,
Where fittle thre, stripes given to mee,
at once I had:
For fault but small, or none at all,
It came to passe, thus beat I was,
See I shall see, the mercy of they,
to me poore lad.

Nicholas
Aetons schole
master at
Aeton.

Amisk

To

32 The auctioners liefe.

*Trinitie hall
in cambridge*

To London hence, to cambridge thence,
With thanks to thee O Trinitie,
That to thy hall, so passing all,
I got at last:
There Iop I felt, there trim I dwelt.
Where heauen from hell, I wrested well.
With learned men, a number then:
the time I pass.

*Lord Paget
good to his
seruants,*

10 Long sickness had, their was I glad.
To leaue my booke, to proue & looke,
In Court what gaine, by taking paine
mought well be found:

*Lord Paget
good to his
seruants,*

Lord Paget than, that noble man,
Whose soule I trust, is with the last,
That same was hee, enriched mee,
with many a pound.

*One after one,
till both were gone,*

11 While this betyed, good parents dyed,
One after one, till both were gone,
Whose petygree, who list may see,
In Haroldes booke:

*The hope we
haue of the
sad.*

Whose soules in blis, be long et thys,
For hope we must, as god is iust,
So: here that craue, shall mercy haue,
that merry looke,

*The children of
the court.*

12 By Court I spyed, & ten yeres tried,
That Cardes & Dyce, with Venus byre
And pœuilly pride, from vertue wyde,
With some so wynght.

That Tyburne play, n ade them alway,
Or beggers state, as euill to hate,
By such like euils, I saw such deuils,
To come to naught.

By such like euils,

The Aucthors life, 29

13 Yet is it not, to be forgot,
In court that some, to woꝛship come,
And some in time, to honour clime,
and speede full well.
Some haue such gift, that trim the shift,
Some profit make, by paines the take,
In perill much, though oft are such,
in Court that dwell.

The Court
conuenced,

14 When Court gan frotnes, and strife in toln
And lords and knightes, saw heauy sightes
Then tooke I wife, and led my life,
In Suffolke soile:
Ther was I tain, my selfe to traine,
To learne to long, the fermours song,
For hope of pelfe, like woꝛdly else,
to moile and soile.

The nobility
at variance

15 And in this booke, who list to looke,
of husbandry, and huswifezy,
There may he find, more of my minde,
concerning this:
To carke and care, and euer bare,
with losse and paine, to litle gaine,
All this to haue, to eam sir linaue,
what life it is.

16 When wife could not, thzough sickness got
more soile abide, so nigh Sea side,
Then thought I best, from soile to celt,
and Ipswich tꝛꝛꝛꝛ:
A toln of pryce, like paradise,
For quiet then, and honest men,
There was I glade, much friendship had,
a time to lye.

13b. i.

17 There

The aucthors life.

17 There left good wife, this present life,
And there left I, house charges lye,
For glad was he, mought send for me,
good lucke so floode:
In Suffolke ther, were euery where,
Euen of the best, besides the rest,
That neuer did, there frendship hid,
to do me good.

18 O Suffolke thou, content thee now,
That hadst the praise, in those same dayes,
For squyers & knights, that well delightes
good house to keepe:
For Suffolke wyles so full of guyles,
Haue caught my toe, by winning so,
That out to thee, I see for mee,
No way to creepe.

Maistris
Amy
Poone

19 For lo, through guyle, what haps the while,
Through venus toyes, in hope of loyes,
I chanced soone, to find a moone,
of cheerefull hew.
Which well a fine, me thought did shine,
Did neuer change, a thing most strang,
Yet kept in sight, hir course a right,
and compasse trew.

The char
ges follo
wing a yōg
wife.

20 Behold of truth, with wife in youth,
For toy at large, what daily charge,
Through childrens hap, what opened gap,
to more begonne:
The child at nurse, to rob the purse,
The same to wed, to trouble hed,
For pleasure rare, such endlesse care,
bath husband wonne.

21 Then

The Authours life.

30

West ditch
Abbey.

21 Then did I dwell, in Wyram sell,
A place for trood, that trimly stood,
With fleshy and fishy, as hart would wish,
But when I spide:
That Lord with Lord, could not accord
But now pound he, and now pound we,
Then left I all, because such bzaill,
I list not bide.

22 O Southwell what, meanest thou by that,
Thou worthy twight, thou famous knight,
So me to craue, and to thy graue,

Sir Ri-
chard
Southwell

Go by and by:
O death thou foe, why dost thou so,
Vngently treat, that Jewel great,
Which oep't his doore, to rich and pooze,
So bounteously.

23 There thus bestad, when leaue I had,
By death of him, to sinke or swim,
And Hauens I saw, together draw,
In such a soyt:

Then wases I sought, by wisdom taught,
To beare low saile, least flock should quaille,
Well ship mought finde, with prosperous wind,
Some safer port.

Northwich
Cittie,

24 At length by blesw, to Hore I drew,
Discharging straight, both ship and freight,
At Northwich fine, for me and mine,
A Cittie trim:

Where straungers well, may seeme to dwell,
That pitch and pay, or keepe their day
But who that want, shal find it scant,
So good for him.

W. b. ll.

25 But

The Authours life.

Passet Sa 25 But Halisburie how, were kept my vobu
lisburieare If praise from thee, were kept by mee,
of Porwich Thou gentle deane, my onely meane,
there then to liue:

Though churles such some, to craue can come,
And pray once got, regard thee not,
yet liue or dye, so will not I,
example giue.

29 When learned men, could there no; then,
Deuyle to aswage, the stormy rage,
No; yet the fury, of my desury,
that long I had:

From Porwich aye, in greater dispaire,
Away to flye, or els to dye,
To seeke moze health, to seeke moze welth,
then was I glad.

Fayersted
personage.

27 From thence so sent, away I went,
With sicknes wo;ne, as one so;loz;ne,
To house my hed, at Fayersted,
where wh;les I dwelt:

The tything life, the tything strife,
Throug tything ill, of Jack and Gyll,
The dayly payes, the myery waies,
to long I felt.

28 When charges grew, still new and new,
And that I spide, if person died,
(Al hope in vaine) to hope for gaine,
I might go daunce.

Once rid my hand, of personage land,
Thence by and by, away went I,
To London straight, to hope and waight,
for better chaunce.

29 Wel

The Aucthors life,

31

29 Well London well, that bearest the bell,
Of praise about, England through out,
And doost in deede, to such as neede,
much kindnes shew,
Who that with thee, can hardly agree,
For can well praise, thy frendly wayes,
Shall friendship find, to please his mind,
in places few.

London ed
mended.

30 As for such mates, as vertue hates,
Or he or they, as go so gey,
That needes he must, take al of trust,
for him and his:
Though such for two, by Lotherbury go,
For being spide, about Cheape side.
Least Percers books, for money lookes,
Small matter it is.

31 When gaires was gon, & yerres grew on,
And death did crye, from London flye,
in Cambridge then, I found a gen,
a resting plot:
In Colledge best, of al the rest.
With thanks to thee, O Trinitie,
Through thee and thine, for me and mine,
Some day I got.

The plague
at London.
Trinity col
ledge in Ca
bidge.

32 Sins hap haps so, let toyling go,
Let seruing pains, yeld forth her gaires,
Let courtly gistes, with wedding gistes,
Helpe now to liue.
Let gossicke w n, let stock cum in,
Let wisdoms karue, let reason serue,
For here I craue, such good to haue,
As God shall geue.

32 b. iii.

33 Thus

The Authours life.

A lesson for 33 Thus friends by me, perceue may ye,
yonger byo That gentry standes, not al by lands,
thers. For also feyt, or plentie left,

By parents gift:

But now and then, of gentle men,
The yonger sonne, is driven to ronne,
and glad to seeke, from creeke to creeke,
to come by thys.

34 And more by this, to consier is,
In world is set, ynough to get,
But where and whan, that scarcely can,
the wisest tell:

By learning some, to riches come,
By ship and plough, some get enough,
and some so wine, that trim the thyne,
and speede full well.

Hardnes in 35 To this before, ad one thing more
youth not youth hardnes taught, w knowledge wrought,
the worst. Most apt do proue, so thift and shoue,
among the best:

Cocking of 36 Where cocking Dads, make satwse lads,
youth not In youth so rage, to beg in age,
best. Dels to seth, a Tyburne stretch,
among therest.

Not yld in 36 Not rampish toye, of gyyle and boye
youth but For garment trim, of her or him,
wealth, in In childehode spent, to fond entent,
age needful Good end doth frame:

If marke we shall, the summe of all,
The end it is, that noted is,
Which if it bide, with vertue tride,
deserueh same.

37 When

The Aucthors life.

32

37 When all is done, learne this my sonne,
Not friend nor skill, nor wit at will.
Nor ship nor clod, but onely God,
doth all in all:

Man taketh paine, God giueth gaine,
Man doth his best, God doth the rest,
Man well entendes, God foryeu sendes,
Els want he shall.

Man doth
laboz & god
doth blesse,

38 Some seeke for wealth, I seeke my health,
Somme seeke to please, I seeke mine ease,
Some seeke to saue, I seeke to haue,
to liue byright,
More then to ride, with pomp and pryde
Or for to let, in others debt,
such is my skill, and shall be still,
for any wight.

39 To fond were I, here thus to lye,
Vnles that wealth, mought further health
And profit some, should thereby come,
to help withall:

This causeth mee, well plesed bee,
such bytt to make, such life to take.
Ensofing mind, remoyle to finde,
as neede, neede shall.

40 Friend al thing wayed, that here is sayed
and being got, that paies the wyot,
We thinke of right, haue leaue I might,
death drawing nere:

To seeke some waies, my God to praise,
and mercy craue, in time to haue,
and for the rest, what hee thinks best,
to suffer here.

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